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(VOLUME II)

[From October 1736 to November 1738.]

To STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

WE are to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 12th. and 27th. July, & congratulate you on your Success against the Carnatick Rajah; As our Garrison is compleat by the Recruits receiv'd from England this Year, We shall only desire you, when the Service is over, to return the Commission Officers if they request it, and to gratifie such of the private Men who desire to return to their Families here.

ENCLOSED comes the Account of the whole Charge We were at in sending the Recruits to you; It is an omission that this Account was not sent you sooner.

WE sent forward your severall Packets for Bengall and Bombay as they arrived; We wish you Success in our Honble Masters Affairs, and are

SIRS

Your most humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE

OCTOBER THE 14TH. 1736.

RECEIVED NOV^R. 12. D^O.

RICHARD BENYON.

NIC: MORSE.

FRANCIS ROUS.

W^M. MONSON.

GEORGE TORRIANO.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

&CA. FACTORS OF TELLICHERRY.

WORSPL. SIR AND SIRS

PURSUANT to your Instructions I have been with the Samorine, and now tender you his answer to the Chief's Ola.

I did all that was possible for Obtaining his whole Debt to the Honble Company, but after severall days stay I could not obtain more from him than Fifty thousand Fanams, which I left in possession of Francisco Dias and Fifty thousand more is promised to be deliverd our Linguist at Callicut the 10th. Instant, One hundred thousand the last of July ensuing, and Two hundred thousand the following Year when the Account is to be made up, & the Balance discharged with speed.

The Two Ministers of the Samorine, named Parambees have been very assiduous in promoting the present Payment, & putting the others in a method of being discharged, & as they press'd me to prevail on you to consider their Services, I was induced to promise them to lay their Activity before you; and I will also be so bold as to offer my opinion, that an handsome Gratuity to them may probably be the best means of effecting the total discharge of this long depending Account.

I could do nothing with Punitures Ministers, They only gave me good words when they came to Penany; however an Arrest of some Soldiers and Nairs may probably be a means to get something and which was hinted to me by the Samorine's People.

As to the Mother Queen's Debt, The Samorine said he would consider of it, and that he had wrote the Chief on that head.

As to the Abuses of the Moors, The Samorine assured us he would cause due satisfaction to be given. I am most Respectfully

TELLICHERRY

WORSPL. SIR & SIRs

NOVEMBER THE 1ST. 1736.

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

RICHARD LYNCH.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

ON the 24th. of September We receivd yours of the 14th. acknowledging the receipt of ours of the 1st. of that month.

WE having had occasion for our Sloop 'till now, was the reason We did not dispatch her sooner with the Gunpowder left here by the Madrass Gally for your Settlement; Enclosed is the Masters Bill of Loading for Thirty Barrels, which is the Quantity We receiv'd.

WE desire you will send us at least Two Quire of First Paper, which We want for copying a Sett of our Books of Accounts, which are to be sent up to Bombay this Season, The value M^r. Wake desires M^r. Law will charge to his Account.

WE desire you will return the Sloop to us as soon as you have receivd the Powder, except you have any particular Service for her on our Honble Masters Account. We are

SIRS

Your most humble Servants

ANJENGO

NOVEMBER THE 11TH. 1736

RECEIVED THE 22^D. DO.

☿ EMELIA SLOOP.

WILLIAM WAKE.

JAMES SALISBURY.

RICHARD SANDERS.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

YOUR Letter to us of the 16th. Ultimo, came to our hands the 6th. Instant, to which We now reply in as ample a manner, as the little time given us, admits of, referring you in part to such directions as were given in our Letter of the 28th. October ☿ Lynn, with regard to such of your Proceedings as were then come to our knowledge.

WE cannot but approve the Purchases you had then, and have since made of Pepper, & as the French were so likely to enhance the price of the Old Crop, We agree with you that having so large a Quantity on your hands already, it was right judged to desist 'till the New came in.

WE observe the severall Sums you have taken up at Interest, but the Supplies you had by the Lynn, will enable you to pay off the whole, as well as answer your present occasions, & in January We shall make you such further Remittances, as may be thought sufficient for the ensuing Season.

As you represent the difference between the price of Gold at Anjengo & your Place to be so great, & the immediate disposal of it uncertain, We approve of your answer to the Chief &c^a. on that Head.

WE are not surprized that the Prince, or those on whom he has assigned the payment of his Debt to our Honble Masters, shou'd at this time, when so many fresh troubles threaten, be a little tardy in complying with your solicitations; It appears to us as if there were a more than ordinary necessity at present, that you be cautious of giving him the least disgust, 'though at the same time the like caution must be used, how you encrease his Debt when nothing but indispensible necessity, and the preservation of the Trade must induce you to it.

IF your sending Mr. Lynch to the Samorine obtains any mony from that Prince, 'tis more than We can now well expect, and We should have been glad, would the Affairs of Tellicherry have admitted of such a Digression in the Chief, as it might have had a better effect, since experience tells us it has on some occasions both in Mr. Adams & Mr. Braddyll's time been attended with some Success; We have too much on our hands at this time to propound any other method, therefore cannot say further on that head, than we have before wrote.

WE are exceedingly mortified at the News you give us concerning the steps taken by the Heiress of Cannanore, and the King of Cotata, and the more so, as any Attempts made on you by those Powers at this time will totally disable you from assisting the Prince on the Mallabar Frontiers; It seems to us as if this Business were calculated by your Dutch neighbours, from the proposal you say they have made the Prince of forcing the Canarees out of his Territories in lieu of a Grant to be given them for the Exportation of Seven hundred Candys of Pepper at Thirteen & an half Venetians fl Candy to be furnished by his Subjects, under Umbrage of which We readily conceive, they would grasp at the whole: We acknowledge this to be a very artfull step in the Dutch, & a well laid Scheme to divert your assisting the Prince by raising Quarrels nearer at hand, and then to gain from him in lieu of their Succours the above Grant, which should it once take effect, We see nothing but a strong Settlement on Durmapatam, that can secure us.

THE answer you gave the Heiress of Cannanore was most certainly proper, and She could have no other than a treacherous design in demanding from you the repossession of Grove Island; We for our parts at this distance can only give you these directions, as judging them the most reasonable under the like Emergencies, that in order to prevent the King of Cotata joining her, you endeavour to divert him by Boyanores, Nombiers &c^a. Forces that border on his Dominions, and withal if anything is Disbursed on the occasion, it will be well placed amongst his Ministers, by which means there may be a possibility of gaining the Grant at first promised by their King for the Island.

YOUR 5th. paragraph informs us, that the Canaree Army or the greatest part thereof were retreated from the Mallabar Frontiers, which We shall be glad to hear proves true; be it so or not you judge (as We conceive) very right, that the most effectual way to put an end to this complication of Confusions is to bring about a Reconciliation between the King of Colastree, and the Carnatick Rajah, and if the person you are about to send can finish this desirable work We shall esteem it a gratefull peice of Service; Your reasons on both sides we have not to say against, since We think them well founded, and on the whole what Orders We are at present able to give, on considering the uncertain, & fluctuating State of your Affairs, We must reduce within this narrow Compass viz: That you exert yourselves to the utmost towards preventing the Dutch from entering into any manner of Compact or Agreement with the King of Colastree for liberty to Export from his Dominions a Quantity of Pepper at a price certain, or otherwise, since thereby our former Grants will be effectually reversed, & a latitude afforded them of engrossing the whole Trade, as is undoubtedly their view. In the next place it occurs to us, that the Island of Durmapatam, & our pretensions thereto are not to be given upon any account, since a footing thereon (that is We mean a secure one) will in spite of all Opposers, enable us to furnish the Quota of Pepper Annually required for Two or Three of our homeward Bound Ships; But on the other hand, as it has more

than once been observed both by us and yourselves, were it in possession of either of those Nations now Competitors with us, they might & undoubtedly would effectually exclude us from any share of the Pepper Trade.

OUR Honble Masters are pleased to complain very grievously on the Charges attending their Pepper Settlements, We cannot nor will we suppose you have any pleasure in swelling them such as you deem absolutely necessary for their Credit, Interest & advantage having a due regard to the purposes before recited, We for our parts 'though with some regret, & dread of their censure must submit to, untill it is their final pleasure to forbid us, supposing as we earnestly recommend you will on all occasions be as frugal as the nature of the Case will admit on an assurance that We for our parts will not censure you but on very cogent & strong motives, and that We will likewise support your Endeavours while Calculated for the Publick Service to the utmost of our Abilities.

WE are as ready as yourselves to believe that the French on any occasion that may offer, will be inclined to solicit the favour of the Prince Regent, and as they find advantage from any Turn of Affairs, will gladly embrace it towards benefitting themselves, and Distressing you; This experience teaches us to expect from them, and you must by all preventive means guard against their Attempts; Their views most certainly have constantly been to distress s^d. Prince partly we judge under the Canarees favour to enjoy the Rice Trade & possibly now to bring him so low, that they may tack about, and offer him assistance themselves; If you find the latter to be the Case they are equally dangerous to us as the Dutch, and as such you must endeavour by all ways & means to circumvent them; We believe the generality of the people in Boyanores Country, & those on whom the Government devolves bear them no good will; These hints improved by you, who are on the spot, may give them a powerfull Diversion, when you find it is their real aim to distress you, & that Argument ceases to take place; We conceive the Armament they intend for Mocho, will not have much time to loiter on the Mallabar Coast, since the whole Success of the Enterprize entirely depends upon their early Arrival there; however it is plain to us, wherever they have a Force, or opportunity to employ it, it will not be to our advantage.

WE find the Dutch, notwithstanding the Demolition of Cadalay will keep a Guard there, without doubt it's Scituation very much Commands their Fort of Cannanore, and 'tis our real apprehension, should they gain any Grants from the Prince they would immediately raise a Work thereon for their greater Security and advantage over the Natives, the provision they have for many Years past made of Materials for a Work of this kind, sufficiently shews something like it has been a long time in their view. We are

SIRS

BOMBAY CASTLE

NOVEMBER 9TH. 1736.

RECEIVED THE 23^D. DO.

☞ SHYBAR.

Your Loving Friends

JOHN HORNE.

GEORGE TAYLOR.

JOHN BRADDYLL.

GEORGE PERCIVAL.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF OF TELlicherry.

WORSPL. SIR

YESTERDAY the Prince of Neleasaron came to our Camp & told us notwithstanding all his Diligence, he could not get his Army together, one deceiv'd him and another did the same, at length he told us there was Treachery among themselves, and that there was a Scheme laid to take his person, and cut off his Head, and to surround us & cut off our Communication, and we should soon be subdued, which was effectually set about, for by five in the Evening the Canarees got part of their Army in an Half Moon, & raised up a Battery behind us, & fired upon us & our Boats, in so much that our Coolys began to look which way to run, thus were

We hemm'd in all round, & nothing but the River left for our Retreat, We immediately advised with one another, and found necessary to draw off our Guns and Men, and go down further into the River not thinking it requisite to trust to such a Dangerous Retreat, as We were like to meet with, these people talk of taking the Fort, it's true if the Canarees were as they were, when amongst us, it would be easily effected, but They don't only Defend their Fort with Bravery, but being in their own Country as you may call it, have a great Army, and are truly acquainted with the Disposition of the People, which is more towards them than to the Mallabar Prince for Nolangore says that if they will come to Mattalay, he will deliver the Fort up to them for Three thousand Pagodas, We were informed by the Princes they had made friends betwixt Munangore & Nolangore, & a Great Nair that lives at Neleasaron called Coma, but yesterday the Neleasaron Prince says there is nothing in it, and our Prince makes use of the handle to get mony but will give him no assistance; This morning M. Mondonza and I were with our Prince, who seems very angry that We did not remain where We was, which if We had it would have compleated our Ruin, for in the manner We were surrounded, We could not have got out, without a prodigious Loss of Men, & all our Boats & Coolys, nor could any assistance come to us, since our coming away the Canarees have been upon the place, and 'tis my real opinion, they will take all the Country from them again; This is the eleventh day We have been here, and I don't see the least thing done, they want us to do all, and be at all Charges, and they have the pleasure of looking at you; In fine We are at a great deale of Charge & trouble and in my opinion truly to no purpose, for sincerely I don't think it possible for us to conquer the Canarees, so near their own home, pray my Respects to the Ladys and Gentlemen. I am

WORSPL. SIR

NELEASARON RIVER

Your most Obedient humble Servant

OCTOBER 29 1736.

WILLIAM GIBBS.

RECEIV'D D^O. DIE.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
CHIEF OF TELLICHERRY.

WORSPL. SIR

AT Two a Clock this afternoon receivd your Favour by Mr. Croes, with all the things mentiond in your List; I observe you to be under a great concern about us, & indeed so you well may, We shall & will do our Duty to the utmost, but I don't think it feazable for such a Party of Men as We are to fight Five or Six thousand Foot and Horse, as I am informed the Enemy has got together, having daily Reinforcements, & we having no Body to assist us, but have rather more hurt to fear from the Treachery of our Confederates, than the Force of our Enemy. Had the Nairs been in readiness to have Attacked the Canaree Army, while We attacked the Fort at our first coming, the work might have been over before now, but to this hour there is no Nairs, nor sign of any, I know the Prince will write you in a very florid manner, but I beg you would mind what I say, for this the Great God knows to be real truth, he wants us to go up to the Fort, & attack it again, which seems to me to be a peice of madness to put the Lives of the people and the Company's Stores and Ammunition in the hands of the Enemy without any view of Success, for 'till their Army are subdued, the Fort can never fall; yesterday they brought Eight Great Guns & mounted some of them on a Battery they raised in our Rear, & begun to play on us at dinner time, by which you may judge what Army & Succour they have (or some time afterwards) you mention the sending of Twelve Pounders, undoubtedly the bigger the Guns the better for Battery, but had we Batter'd down the whole side of the Fort, there was no Men to enter it, & according to your former caution, it would not have been requisite for us to have enterd it besides there is a Marsh, & a River to pass from our Batteries, nor could We come nearer.

I have receiv'd the Five hundred Fanams, One maund of Pepper, & fifteen Dangoyes of Saffron, & Twelve Peices of Wax Cloth, I shall not faile to stir up the Prince for Ten thousand Fanams & Rice, 'though I am entirely of your opinion. I have consulted with Mr. Mendonza, who is of opinion with me, that you may risque the Lives of the flower of your Garrison, & spend your mony to no purpose, for as long as you will do that, The Mallabars will sit & look on, were you to see the Indolence that appears here amongst them, it would certainly make you stark mad; We have been pelting against the Fort Walls both day & night, ever since We have been here, & so near as I believe, never was Europeans in this Country; The Prince gives me account of Twenty two Men that have been killed in the Fort, and one of them a Great Officer; I now send you Five empty Powder Chests, and six Tonys, one of which is shot through. We want some Rosin & Wadds, & Four or Five hundred Cohorn Fuzees. I am

WORSPL. SIR

NELEASARON RIVER

OCTOBER 29 1736.

6 a Clock at night.

RECEIVED THE 31ST. D^O.

Your most Obedient humble Servant

WILLIAM GIBES.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQR.
CHIEF OF TELLICHERRY.

WORSPL. SIR

By break of day We enter'd the mouth of Neleasaron River at Ayconny Fort, and at about nine aClock we arrived at the place where our people are, which is about a mile distant from Neleasaron Fort on the narrow neck of Land than runs between the River & the Sea, They are all of opinion, that it was the best way to retire, as the Canarees were raising a Battery in their Rear to annoy their Vessels I went to see the Prince & King of Neleasaron, with Capt. Gibbs, but do not find they have any people together to speak of, they talk much of Schemes to annoy the Enemy, but still propose that our People should be in conjunction with them, and the Prince says he has sent for his people, but when they will come, I cannot say; I proposed to him to get a safe place for our People; untill his were come together, to rest themselves, which might be at Ayconny Fort, but he said they might be at Mattalay, which the Officers did not like, and chuse to be where they are, untill further orders, as their Communication to go out of the River may be stopped; My opinion is if a Cessation of Arms can be made between the Canarees & us including the Mallabars, if it be possible, it's the best way for our people to draw off soon, if not for our People to retire to Ayconny Fort, for I don't like well the Scituation where they are; of this write to the Prince to give admittance thither; I am

NELEASARON RIVER

OPPOSITE TO MATALAY FORT

OCTOBER 31ST. 1736.

WORSPL. SIR

Your most Obedient humble Servant

WILLIAM FORBES.

I shall stay here untill I hear from you whether a Cessation is like to be effected with the Canaree Ambassadors, or what Course our People are to take.

RECEIVED NOVEMBER 1ST. 1736.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQR.
CHIEF OF TELLICHERRY.

WORSPL. SIR

AFTER staying three days in the Scituation our People were in near Neleasaron Fort, and after viewing the Ground thereabouts, & the position of the Fort, it was found there was no approaching near enough to do it damage, without beating of the Army in the Rear, which is said to consist of about Six thousand Foot and Horse, it's being surrounded with Rivers Three ways, & very full of Wood & Bushes about it, makes it not easy approaching it, indeed it's well our people got out from it as they did, being disappointed of the Coolys and Nairs the Prince promised to send to our assistance to fortify a place by the River side, and that our People were obliged to come off shore every night to lye on Board the Munchuas, and the Enemys appearing nearer, and coming out to view us, being yesterday reinforced with a thousand Men from Mangalore. In the Evening I proposed to our Officers, whether they thought our continuing where We were was safe, they said if the Enemy had a mind to send out Partys in the Bushes by the River side, or bring Guns they might greatly damage us going down the River, or even where We were, & as there was no prospect of doing any thing with the Nairs, the Prince being so Supine, We resolved to come down the River to Ayconny Fort, where We now are, waiting your Orders; If this place is left without a Guard of our people, it will soon fall into the Canarees hands, & they will come without opposition as far as Biliapatam, therefore I think it is best to leave Cap^t. Mendonza with an Ensign, and as many Soldiers & Sepoys, as he thinks necessary to guard it for some time, & let the rest of our people, with the Heavy Guns return to Tellicherry; I wait your Orders about this, & to see the Prince to know what he proposes. I am

AYCONNY FORT

NOVEMBER 3^d. 1736.

RECEIVED THE SAME DAY.

SIR

Your most humble Servant.

WILLIAM FORBES.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPL. SIR AND SIRS

I now receivd your Favour of the 2^d. Instant, I am very sensible it is requisite to act against the Canarees, but how to act securely offensively against them with the Force & posture they now are in, is what I cannot take upon me to determine; In the first place our people must go up a narrow River upwards of Three Leagues to Neleasaron Fort, if they are to attack them there, one side of which River is not above half a mile Broad and in some parts less, full of Thickets and Trees to their Camp, which is in a wood near the Fort, which is surrounded with different Rivers except to the N^o.ward, The other side of s^d. River belonging to the Mallabars is full of Islands & Thickets said to be Seventy two; Cap^t. Gibbs will give you a better account of it for such a place I never saw.

As for our Officers I do not doubt but they will do their Duty, but whether Two hundred Soldiers will beat six thousand Canarees, Horse & Foot I cannot say, & for the Nairs I have not seen above Five hundred of them with the Prince, which will not pass to the Canaree side of the River, as there is no Houses to eat at nor good Opportunity to run away and for the Prince, instead of having an Army he is going up and down seeing to pick up mony or Paddy which no body knows what he does with, for he does not give Rice to the few Nairs he has with him, nor has he given Cap^t. Gibbs any mony or Paddy, in short my opinion is, if the Honble Company have a mind to fight his Battles, they must send Rice to feed his Nairs, & Powder and Shot, likewise for my own part I should be glad that things went better, and should be sorry to disoblige him, but do not find he has any just cause of complaint, for the fault is of his side, that he has not joined our People, as he ought long ere' now.

As We found nothing could be done offensively against the Canarees, We came down to Ayconny Fort last night where We wait for the Prince to see what he proposes; If he can keep what he has got, & act on the Defensive, I believe it will be as much as he can do, and not even that, without the Honble Company's assistance I shall wait to see what you may think proper to order to be done for the future, to see if things can be put in a proper disposition here.

You will receive this by Cap^t. Gibbs, who has behaved with Courage and Conduct, nor do I find that any that has been with him can say to the contrary. I am

AYCONNY FORT

NOVEMBER 3^d. 1736.

RECEIVED THE 4TH. DO.

WORSPL. SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble & Obedient Servant

WILLIAM FORBES.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQR.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

WORSPL. SIR AND SIRS

ON the 6th. Instant We arrived at Mangalore, where We was informed of Surapaya being at this place; The Portuguese Factors Feast occasiond our stay there 'till the 11th. and on the 12th. we waited on Surapaya, were receivd with great civility, & after the usual Compliments, I presented a copy of the enclosed Paper to the Factor to be perused by him, & deliverd over to Surapaya.

EVER since We have been here, We have strongly insisted on a General Peace, to which they daily tell us, that it does not consist with the State & Grandeur of their King, first to make a Peace with Colastree, neither dare they propose it to him, but first satisfie us, and then admit me as a Mediator between the Two Kings, which seems to us to be only with a view of drawing us off, and then to fall on Colastree and to have the Sea open to them.

THE result of a long Conference last night with Surapaya was, that Mallo & Gunny Sonnay in behalf of the Canarees and Pedro Rangel, and Antonio Paies in behalf of the Honble Company and Colastree are to meet this day as Arbitrators, & their Conference will certainly last some days, hope to have your Worship &c^o. Instructions, how much further Colastree will condescend, either to give a Sum of mony, or let Neleasaron & Pungoy remain in their hands, which the Canarees will never be brought to deliver up, or raze.

WHEN We were at Mangalore, told the Factor that his Captain & Crustna Sonnay had proposed a Cessation of Arms when at Tellicherry, that it was not right for us to be treating of Peace, and at the same time the Two Armys engaging, he repaired that night to this place, & returned the next morning, assuring us that was agreed to, & the Governour would send a person to Pungoy with a Letter from me denoting the same, but since then We have not heard any thing further, nor do We think it proper at this time to oppose it, and are assured they will not consent without our Galevats are withdrawn.

WE are by Crustnajee informed of a Messenger's going next day to Goa, with fifteen hundred Pagodas for Ammunition (they having little or none left) with the Factors Letter to the Vice Roy, probably advising him that he is accomodating between the Canarees & us, to facilitate that Gentleman's granting the same, so that your Worship &c^a. we presume, will think proper to advise him that we are yet a great way from concluding a Peace.

THE Factor We are assured, has no other views than his own private Interest, as he is shortly to be recalled, & Twelve hundred Pagodas carried to his Account for Powder and Shot supplied the Canarees, which the Governour has promised to pay him, if he can make a Peace with us, and therefore on no account to be confided in; He shewed me his Instructions from the Secretary of State in Goa not to promise the Canarees any Assistance, whilst at War with us.

SINCE I have been here I have not transacted any thing without the Advice and Consent of Pedro Rangell and Antonio Paies, whose Conference with Malo and Gunny Sonnay is deferred 'till tomorrow; Should anything new offer here we shall immediately dispatch a Country Tony to your Worship &c^a. and am with all Respect,

WORSPL. SIR AND SIRs

MANJASEER

Late at night.

NOVEMBER 15 1736.

Your most Obed^t. & most humble Servant

RICHARD LYNCH.

P.S.

The Factor has been with us to know if We should be satisfied with their not proceeding on the other side Billiapattam, To which We gave for answer, We were not empowered to Treat any otherwise than on a General Peace. We are in great want of Paper.

Idem

RICHARD LYNCH.

RECEIVED NOVEMBER THE 18TH. 1736.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^r.

CHIEF &C^a. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPL. SIR AND SIRs

MY last waited on you yesterday, with what offerd at that time, Late last night Pedro Rangell was sent for by the Governour, only them two present, & enjoined to secrecy to know what Commission We had relating to Colastree, he letting him know how far We can go agreeable to your Worship &c^a. Orders, says that is not sufficient, that he Colastree must consent to deliver up some Grounds, or leave some Forts, as if their taking them was a New Conquest or the Company to withdraw their Force, & declare how far in Colastree's Country their Interest is concerned, they will not proceed any farther upon these points he is desirous of Pedro Rangells going to Tellicherry to talk with the Chief in private.

THIS day at the request of the Governour by the Portuguese Factor, we have agreed on a Generall Cessation of Arms for Thirty days from this date, their Communication by Sea to their Camp to be stopp'd, but all Hostilities on all Partys to cease by Land, and if the Fort of Neleasaron has receivd any damage, not a Stone to be laid, 'till the time is elapsed, or a Peace, concluded, of which your Worship &c^a. will perceive I have advised Mr. Mendonza by the enclosed Copy in English and Portuguese, after the Thirty days to be continued, if all Partys think proper; We are at a loss to know what made them so pressing all at once for this Cessation, whether the Nairs have gained any advantage over them, or as the Governour is orderd to proceed to Pongoy is afraid; whether the news the Cap^t. of Dacla Fort sent him of our Forces being augmented by several of our Galevats arriving with our Europe Ship, or whether this is to Countenance the Factor's Letter to the Vice Roy, of which I wrote your Worship &c^a. yesterday, the last appears to us most feazable.

THE Arbitrators met this day & the result was, that they will renew all the former Grants relating to Onore, & what Goods they took out of Captains Rawlinson & Kearn, and the Munchua founderd on Muliky Bar, they will give a faithfull Account of, and make Restitution, Chautoo Chitty's Banksall is burnt without

bringing any thing to their King and therefore they can't condescend to bring that to any Account. Pondra Anta Naique's Account is to be consider'd to morrow; It is said We are to go to Pungoy with the Governour, but We are not certain. I am

MANJASEER

NOVEMBER THE 16 1736.

RECEIVED THE 20TH. DO.

WORSPL. SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. humble Servant

RICHARD LYNCH.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS.

SIRS

ALL such Goods as I have on Board for Private Trade, was Registered by me at Bombay, since which have Laden none on my own Account, nor any of my Officers to the best of my knowledge. I am

SIRS

TELLICHERRY

NOVEMBER 22^D. 1736.

Your most Obedient Servant

CHARLES GILBERT.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPL. SIR & SIRs

YOUR Commands of the 18th. and 20th. came to hand the 20th. & 23^d. and am now to advise you of all Occurrences since my last.

By private & publick Conferences, We understand they intend, after adjusting the severall points to send a Messenger with us to Tellicherry to conclude the Peace there, & us to return with the Present for the King, & receive his Confirmation of the same. The Governour set out for Pungoy the 19th. & deliverd us his answer to the Paper deliverd him, & copy forwarded your Worship &c^a. the 15th. Instant, We got it translated by Padree Lorenzo Pinto, which comes enclosed: He left Malo & Gunny Sonnay to treat with us, who say they have sent for the Account of the Goods taken out of Captain's Rawlinson, & Kearn as well as the Munchua cast away on Muliky Bar; As I have no acquaintance with Pondra Anta Naique, desired Pedro Rangell to let him know what passed relating to him, enclosing the Governour's Letter to him for his Security, that he must come in person to assert his Demands on the King of Bednure.

They require of us a Sight of Ragonat's Grants given us, when he was at Cadalay, & an Account of Adlamy paid since that time by the Company or their servants they promise to refund, which if your Worship &c^a. think proper to forward, shall be presented them; They demand the Two Padearys seized by our Galevats before the Rains, more for their Kings honour, than for the value which We promised to procure from your Worship &c^a. & bring it to account.

On receipt of your Commands of the 20th. We immediately sent to Suba Sonnay for a person being sent to Pungoy to receive the Chief's Letter to the Governour, and as soon as Malo and Gunny Sonnay's Feast is over, which will last Four days more We shall shew them Ragupaddell & Gopallya's Accounts.

Padree Lorenzo Pinto gives the only Account to be depended of the State of the Canaree Forces, which he says consisted of Seven hundred Horse, & Eight thousand Foot; & One thousand Horse more marched lately from Bednure, most of which we have seen pass us at Manjaseer with Bows & Arrows, many Cooleys & Stone-cutters, we see daily pass us, They have Two thousand Oxen continually employd, besides Coolys to carry Provisions to their Camp; The King seems by all accounts

determined to Revenge himself on Colastree, & therefore beg you would please to inform us, agreeable to what wrote your Worship &ca. the 16th. of Pedro Rangell's Private Conference with Surapaya, how far we must say the Company's Interest is concern'd in Colastree's Country that they may not proceed any further without breaking with the Company.

THE Portuguese Factor sets out shortly for Goa with a Canaree Messenger to promise Satisfaction for past Impositions, & to beg Vessels of War & Ammunition against Colastree. Another Messenger is gone to Angria, it is said to promise him a Banksall at Onore, if he will assist them with his Grabs, and another Messenger went on the French Ship to Mihie for Ammunition, and then to proceed to Cochin, for to make a Peace with the Dutch.

ON having certain notice of Sixteen Padearys Sailing under Convoy of Moses Tobias's Ship with Portuguese Pass & Colours, to be Landed at the Canaree Camp, I dispatch'd our Tony yesterday to Mr. Rout, advising him of it.

This morning Suba Sonmay received a Letter from the Governour, complaining of the Nairs violating the Cessation by throwing Arrows, and firing Small Arms at them, to which we made answer, that our Linguist by this time was there, and that they would not have reason to complain in future. I am with all respect

MANGALORE

NOVEMBER. 25TH. 1736.

RECEIVED THE 27TH. D^O.

WORSPL. SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. and most humble Servant

RICHARD LYNCH.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

WE received yours of the 12th. July desiring We would supply you with Four or Five thousand Bags of Rice, In part thereof We have sent on this Ship Defence Five hundred Seventy two Bags & shall take some other Opportunity of sending you the remainder.

INVOICE & Bill of Lading for what sent on this is enclosed.

WE wish a happy accomodation to your troubles and are,

GENTLEMEN

Your very humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM

OCTOBER 21ST. 1736.

RECEIVED DECEMBER 3^D. D^O.

DEFENCE.

JOHN STACKHOUSE.

THOMAS COALES.

RICHARD EYRE.

GEORGE MANDEVILLE.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPL. SIR & SIRs

ON the 28th. I address'd the Chief advising him of Angria's Fleet passing to the S^o.ward, since when We have advice of Malo's sending them a courteous Message with Two hundred Bales of Rice, & other Refreshments, inviting their people ashore, to agree on Convoying Rice by Sea to Pongoy, what answer Angrias people gave We don't know; yesterday We were advised that the Canarees designed to deceive the Mallabars, by pretending to pass Neleasaron, but that their Intentions are to pass through Paleara's Country with a considerable Force, but this wants Confirmation; We are today informed for certain, that they intend to lay Plank over a Number of Tonys and Jangados, hoping to be supplied with Powder, Shott & Gallys from Goa by the Expiration of the Thirty days Cessation, their Forces encrease daily

from all parts, & are very diligent in procuring all manner of warlike preparations from all parts; Malo & Gunny Sonnay, t[h]rough pretence of their Feast, trifle away their time at Manjaseer, probably to see whether their people can pass over, & then bring us to their own terms.

We had design'd to dispatch this by a Country Boat, but this afternoon arrived Manoel Vass with the Chief's Commands of the 28th. from Neleasaron, by which We shall guide ourselves.

It is here currently reported, that the Revenues of this Province are entirely appropriated to defray the Expence of their Camp. I am most Respectfully

WORSPL. SIR & SIRs

MANGALORE

Your most Obed^t. & most humble Servant

NOVEMBER 30TH. 1736.

RICHARD LYNCH.

We are in great want of Sealing Wax.

P.S.

When your Worship &c^a. send us a Munchua be pleased to let us have a Soldier or two to put into our Tony with any pressing Advices to you or the Galevats.

Idem

RICHARD LYNCH.

RECEIVED DECEMBER 3^D. 1736.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

WORSPL. SIR & SIRs

UNDER the 30th. Ultimo addressd your Worship &c^a. with what offerd at that time, since when the Governour, Malo and Gunny Sonnay have been very cold about our Treaty, sending us excuses from day to day, this has been since they have had an answer from the King, who probably is not satisfied with their proceedings relating to our Affairs, and hopes for Supplies from Goa, of Vessels of War, Powder & Shot, the latter of which they are in great want.

ANGRIA's Fleet is gone to the N^o.ward with a Muscat Vessel said to have many Horses in her, and a Canaree Padeary.

THE Vice Roy has positively refused the Canarees any Assistance, 'till they have made a Peace with us, but the Factor has promised them to get over that difficulty, when he arrives at Goa, there is already Three Portuguese Gallys at Onore, for what Service We don't know, as they are supplied with Pepper from thence for their Europe Ship, nothing else offers here to advise your Worship &c^a. of. I am with all Respect

MANGALORE

WORSPL. SIR & SIRs

DECEMBER 4TH. 1736.

Your most Obed^t. & most humble Servant

RECEIVED THE 6 D^O.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

WORSPL. SIR & SIRs

YOUR Commands of the 7th. Instant came to hand early this morning with the therein mention'd Papers.

Two days ago We had notice of Ragonat's being orderd Governour of Mangalore, & General of the Army, which then We did not give much credit to, but this day Padree Lorenzo Pinto has receivd a Letter from Bednure, advising him that

the King has sent people to bring Surapaya Prisoner to Bednure for a timorous inactive person, if he is not passed Neleasaron River before they arrive, but should he be passed, then the King's Orders to be kept private, which We believe to be the real cause of their coldness, Malo and Gunny Sonny have not for very near Three Weeks said any thing to us, or shown us one single account.

WE have had a Letter of complaint from Surapaya much to the same purport of that wrote the Chief & another to the Portuguese Capt., who acts in the Factors stead, complaining of the Nairs Rasing Mattalay.

WE much suspect that before the time of the Cessation is expired, they will attempt to pass the River Neleasaron, or at farthest the day after the time is expired, for which reason We not only advise your Worship &c^a. but have wrote Mr. Mendonza at Ayconny to the same purpose.

SHOULD the Canarees be impeded in passing the River Neleasaron, there will certainly be a Change of Government, and then it will take up some time before they treat with us, and should they pass the River, they will make very little account of us yet awhile, and either look on us as Spies on their Actions, or begging a Peace, for which reason on the arrival of our Munchuas, We think We shall be obliged to go to Ayconny, & wait your Worship &c^a. Orders. I am most Respectfully

MANGALORE

DECEMBER THE 9TH. 1736.

RECEIVED THE 11TH. D^O.

WORSPL. SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

RICHARD LYNCH.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPL. SIR AND SIRS

THIS day at noon We receiv'd your Commands of the 15th. Instant, & this afternoon We went on shore to meet the Governour who promises to send a person of Consequence with us tomorrow to treat with your Worship &c^a. in Tellicherry on a Separate Peace.

I am sorry to inform you, that on no account they would not permit us to lade our Munchua with Rice, pretending that there is a general stop for Rice on the Mallabar Coast, though Two French Munchuas have passed us, since We have been here. I am most respectfully,

PONGOY ROAD

DECEMBER THE 17TH. 1736.

RECEIVED THE 19 D^O.

WORSPL. SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble and Obedient Servant

RICHARD LYNCH.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

WE have by severall Letters acquainted you, that the Hoñble President & Council of Bombay had commanded us to purchase at reasonable Rates, Venetians, Gubbers Dollars, or Rupees to the amount of Twenty five thousand Rupees, & We have advised both them, & yourselves of the impracticableness of it, notwithstanding which, the same orders are repeated to us by Ship Lynn, but We could not, nor cannot now purchase to the amount of One thousand Rupees of any denomination of Coins whatever although We have always had Fanams by us for that purpose.

WE reserved to the amount of Twenty five thousand Rupees in China Gold, advising of the price here, not being assured but that might answer with you, but by yours of the 19th. August, you wrote us that from the utmost you can sell it for, it most eligible to dispose of it here.

HOWEVER to comply with the Orders of our Superiours as far as lies in our power, We now enclose a Bill of this Date drawn by the Chief here on Stephen Law

Esq^r. for Seven thousand Rupees new Bombay payable at Five days sight to yourselves for the use of the Hon^{ble} Company at your Settlement, which when complied with, place to Account Currant Bombay, or this Factory as you shall judge proper advising us of the same as soon as conveniently you can, that the said Amount may be paid out of our Cash here to M^r. William Wake.

On the 3^d. Instant we receivd your Two Letters of the 22^d. Ultimo & Ship Lynn & Emelia Sloop, acknowledging the receipt of the Gunpowder and advising what Tonnage you had put aboard Ship Lynn; The Commander of which Ship received his Dispatches from hence for England on the 15th. Instant, & Sailed the next day, which is all we have to advise wherefore we subscribe ourselves.

SIRS

Your most humble Servants

ANJENGO
DECEMBER THE 18 1736.
RECEIVD THE 27TH. D^o.

WILLIAM WAKE.
JAMES SALISBURY.
RICHARD SANDERS.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^r.
CHIEF & C^A. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSPL. SIR AND SIRS

We have receivd yours of the 12th. of July, agreeable to which we have agreed with M^r. Edmund Massey in the Prince Frederick to deliver you at Three Rupees & an half Surat & Bag, Three thousand Four hundred & Fifty Bags of Rice for your Settlement; we recommended Cap^t. Samuel Sutcliffe in the Richmond to let you have One thousand Bags which compleats the Quantity you desired; We are

WORSPL. SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
DECEMBER THE 3^D. 1736.

JOHN STACKHOUSE.
RICHARD EYRE.
S. FAZAKERLEY.
G. MANDEVILLE.
W. BRUCE.

We herewith enclose M^r. Massey's Obligation to deliver the Rice agreeable to your order.

RECEIVED JANUARY THE 2^D. 1736/7.
& PRINCE FREDERICK.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^r.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

YOUR Letter of the 25th. November came to hand the 19th. Instant, with the several Papers enclosed. Your s^d. advices relating chiefly to our past orders, & your proceeding concerning the Canarees, we shall now reply thereto, giving you such additional Instructions as at present seem necessary.

We have weighed with due attention the severall reasons you give for thinking it necessary to conclude a Separate Peace with the Canarees, provided a General one including the Prince cannot be obtained. The Chief end proposed by such a proceeding, is reducing the great Expences of your Settlement; Now whether by making such Separate Peace, that point could be obtained, naturally falls under our Consideration, and it occurs to us in the first place that by our coming to terms separately with the Canarees, & withdrawing our assistance from the Prince, he would immediately throw himself under the protection of the French or Dutch, the latter of whom would gladly lay hold of that occasion, to gain the Grant they have

already solicited for, under the Umbrage of which, they would find means to render our Priviledges of no effect; Nay, we are even apprehensive the Prince himself would abolish them, and if it once happens that we should appear in a different Interest from that of the Prince, and had not the Sanction of his Authority, we have little reason to doubt, but your Mallabar Neighbours would of themselves, or at the Instigation of others, give you all the trouble in their power, and oblige you to keep up as great a Force to protect yourselves from them as you now do on account of the Canarees. On the other hand, we cannot pretend to bear the Expence of carrying on the war against the Canarees, more especially as from the coolness shewn by the Prince of late (which we are at a loss to assign a reason for, unless it be occasioned by the under hand practices of the Dutch) we are in danger of being left to support the Charge and Burden of the war by ourselves, nor is it in our power to keep a Force sufficient to withstand the Canaree Army by Land, should they march a second time in order to reduce the Mallabar Country & when the Prince is so very backward in supplying you with mony, or even sending his people to the assistance of ours; we can't imagine that he can expect we will carry on his Wars, and therefore on the whole we must, & hereby do give you directions not to engage in any very expensive undertaking for the Prince's Service, unless the mony to defray the Charge be deposited, or that you cannot doubt that it will be paid, though we fear he is not able to give any good Security; We should esteem your obtaining a General Peace, as an acceptable peice of Service, & to this end you are to use all possible arguments to perswade the Prince to come into any reasonable terms, that the Canarees may be willing to accept of, as otherwise we think the Mallabar Country must be subdued by them, unless prevented by the assistance of any European Nation; We can't pretend to do it, & we need not enumerate the ill Consequences that would attend our Honble Masters affairs from its being done by others. From what we have already remarked, you'll observe we are very averse to coming to a Separate Peace, & we are inclined to believe that the Canarees may in some measure be determined in their Resolution of making a second Attempt on the Mallabars, according as they find us disposed to assist them or not; And therefore you must be very cautious of making, or even listening to any proposals for an Accomodation with the Canarees exclusive of the Prince, unless there is a very great likelihood, next to a certainty, that they will over run the Mallabar Country, when it will be prudent to make the best terms we can for ourselves. And upon the Generall Peace not being procurable, We would have you endeavour to keep matters in suspence, without letting the Canarees know your Intentions, as it is not impossible, but we may receive our Honble Masters final answer before the Rains, to what We laid before them by the Scarborough relating to Durmapatam, The fortifying ourselves strongly upon which Island appears to be the most likely, or rather only means to avert the Evils that at present threaten us; But the great Expence, that must attend such a resolution prevents our setting about that Work without our Honble Masters previous consent.

We are very well pleased at the success that attended your sending Mr. Lynch to the Samorine, and hope he will comply with his promise in discharging the remainder of his Debt in the manner he has proposed; To obtain which your unwearied Solicitations & endeavours must not be wanting.

BEING in want of Yards and Topmasts for our Cruizers, We would have you provide what contained in the enclosed Indent & Convey them hither before the Rains if possible.

As Mr. Law upon receipt of our Honble Masters orders, Chooses to continue in his present Station, We permit him so to do. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE

DECEMBER 23^d. 1736.

RECEIVED JANUARY 5TH. 1736/7

BOAT.

SIRS

Your Loving Friends

JOHN HORNE.

GEORGE TAYLOR.

JOHN BRADDYLL.

GEORGE PERCIVAL.

W. H. DRAPEL.

AN INDENT FOR TOPMASTS & YARDS FOR THE USE OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S
GALLYS & GRABS.

12 Topmasts for the Gallys	..	..	..	38 Foot long & 11 Inches in the Capp.
8 Lower Yards	..	..	..	62 Foot Long & 13 Inches in the Slings.
12 Topmasts for the Grabs	..	..	..	44 Foot Long & 13 Inches in the Capp.
8 Lower Yards	..	..	..	64 Foot Long & 15 Inches in the Slings.
8 Topsail Yards	..	..	..	44 Foot Long & 13 Inches in the Slings.

RECEIVED JANUARY 5TH. 1736/7.

☞ BOAT.

TO THE WORSP^L. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
CHIEF OF TELLICHERRY.

WORSP^L. SIR

Yesterday after five a Clock came here one Peter Brule a Carpenter belonging to Cannanore with a Puturah belonging to our Prince called Ayancutty, who says the Cap^t. of Cannanore sent them here on purpose to take the depth of the River, to know if there was water enough for their Vessels to come in here, as likewise they have been very particularly enquiring what number of Men we had here what Guns we had here & at the Entry of the Bar, for which reason We have thought proper to send him to Tellicherry, when your Worship may satisfie yourself; They likewise wanted to know if the Fort was large enough to contain a good number of Men; We want here some Bouch Barrels, We are all employ'd in repairing the Works, and hear no News of Enemy. I am

WORSP^L. SIR

Your Worship's most Obedient humble Servant

AICONNI FORT.
JANUARY 18TH. 1736/7.
RECEIVED D^O. DIE.

LUIS MENDONZA.
JAMES STERLING.
WILLIAM LANE.
HEN: FORBES.
BENJAMIN ADAMS.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRs

YOUR Letter of the 6th. December We received the 20th. of that month, where-in you requested of us to stop a Munchua belonging to Ally Rajah; after having got some advice of that Vessel, We sent our Sloop to Cruize for her, & yesterday She was brought hither; We have brought her Rudder Sails & Oars ashore. Enclosed is an Account of the Bales & c^a. on Board, and to whom they belong: We have orderd any Six of their People to continue on board, to prevent any complaints hereafter of Goods being embezzled, and also a Corporal & Four Soldiers of our Garrison, & conformable to what you wrote us, we shall detain her, 'till We have further advices from you.

ON the 11th. Instant We received yours of the 6th. advising us of Mr. Law's having paid into the Honble Company's Cash at your Settlement Seven thousand New Bombay Rupees, for a Bill drawn on him by the Chief here, for which Sum We shall Debt Account Currant Bombay.

On the 11th. Instant Imported here our Hoñble Masters Ship Decker Cap^t. Edward Williamson, which Ship left the Downs on the 5th. of July & the Cape of Good Hope on the 7th. of October; The Commander brought us a Letter from our Hoñble Masters, by which We were permitted to take on shore Two Chests of Treasure, but not having present occasion for it, We do not receive any and as you may if you think proper take that Sum on account of what We were to have remitted you in Coins if We could have procured them, We shall not make any farther remittance on account of the Twenty five thousand Rupees, as We were orderd by our Superiours at Bombay.

By this Ship We send you Seven able Europeans which as occasiond [*sic*] offerd, We have inlisted, if you have no occasion for them, We presume they will be acceptable at Bombay; They are paid to the 1st. of this Month, a List of their Names goes enclosed.

We now dispatch the Decker to you and are

SIR AND SIRs

Your most humble Servants

WILLIAM WAKE.

JAMES SALISBURY.

RICHARD SANDERS.

ANJENGO

JANUARY 13 1736/7.

RECEIV'D THE 22^d. D^o.

⌘ BOAT.

OUR CHIEF AND COUNCIL
AT TELLICHERRY.

The Ships Wyndham & Lynn Sailed for your side of India the 15th. of March last, & It pleased God to send us the Ship King William the same day & the Prince of Orange also from the Cormondell Coast on the 20th. of April.

We have thought it necessary to send the Ship Decker at this unusual Season of the Year, not doubting but several valuable purposes will be answerd thereby, and the Commander is Orderd first to touch at Anjengo, to deliver our Commands to that Settlement, with a Packet for Madrass to be forwarded ⌘ Pattamars over Land to Fort St. George, his stay at Anjengo will only be Two days, & from thence he is to proceed to your place, & has our directions to follow your orders.

It was a very great satisfaction to us on reading your advices of the 15th. September 1735 to find that you had above Three thousand Five hundred Candys of Pepper in Warehouse, from this repeated Instance of your good Services, We perswade ourselves that a large Stock will remain upon hand, after all our Ships are fully Loaden for Europe, as for Two years past We have wrote in pressing terms to our President & Council at Bombay, to do their utmost, that so desireable a Scituation might be brought about.

To that end, the Ship Queen Caroline brought you Fourscore thousand Rupees, the Scarborough & January shipping were also to bring fresh Supplies, and in compliance with our orders by the Wyndham & Lynn, the like plentiful Stock was to be Consign'd you this Season.

HOWEVER sufficiently to provide against any emergency, We have put aboard this Ship Twelve Chests of Treasure, whereof our Chief and Council at Anjengo are empowerd to take Two, and you are to take on shore as much of the remainder as you have occasion for, and We hereby positively enjoin you to take the most vigorous & prudent measures from time to time, to secure all the Pepper which your parts produce, upon the Cheapest terms, & We shall give the needfull directions to Bombay as to it's disposal.

We have put on board severall sorts of Goods, and Merchandize, as ⌘ Abstract of the Invoice enclosed, & notwithstanding they are Consigned to our President & Council at Bombay, In case you have reason to think any part may be disposed of at your place on more advantageous terms than up the Coast, you may take them ashore, We having given the Cap^t. directions accordingly, but be sure to advise your Superiours how you have acted in this respect.

FOR your better Guidance We must inform you that in July 1735 Europe Copper sold in Bengall at Fifty Rupees Six Annas $\frac{3}{4}$ Maund of Seventy five Pound, and if that Article will not produce as much upon your Coast, or at Surat, as in Bengall we propose what is on Board this Ship, shall be forwarded on her to that Presidency.

OUR Ships bound for Europe may probably be with you on the Decker's Arrival so that when they are fully Laden, according to our former Instructions, you must put aboard the Decker as much Pepper as She can take in, & dispatch her for Bombay with all expedition, giving the Commander positive orders to proceed directly thither, without stopping, and you must not faile to have a Cargo of Pepper ready, fully to Load her as She comes back again, for Fort St. George & Bengall, that so We may have it on our severall returning Ships from thence at half Freight, and our Servants there are Order'd to return the Decker with Salt Petre, & Red Wood to Bombay.

It is with concern that we perceive you still labour under uneasy apprehensions, on account of the Canarees being lodged upon Durmapatam Island; & the envious Temper of the Mallabars against each other, your Coast has seldom been without troubles of one sort or another, which it is not in our power to prevent, however We don't doubt but your Superiours have given you the proper directions, how to behave according to the different Circumstances of Affairs, and perswade ourselves that you will act with the greatest prudence & precaution, to keep our Trade free & uninterrupted notwithstanding the continued & intestine Quarrels among the Mallabar Princes, and we must urge it upon you to convince us, that you have our Interest at heart, by keeping your Expences, within as narrow bounds as possible.

In case any ship or Vessels should be bound up the Coast, before this Ships departure from your place, you must embrace the very first opportunity to give our President & Council at Bombay the most early advice of this Ships Arrival.

If you should really stand in need of Soldiers to strengthen your Military, you may Land the number we have sent out on this Ship, but the Sailors must proceed to Bombay for the Gallys. We are,

LONDON JULY 2^D. 1736.

RECEIVED JANUARY 24TH. 1736/7

$\frac{3}{4}$ DECKER.

Your Loving Friends

WM. BILLERS.

H. GOUGH.

JOHN SALTER.

WM. ROUS.

D. BRADDYLL.

SAM : HYDE.

MILES BARNE.

P. GODFREY.

RICHARD BOULTON.

E. LOVIBOND.

J. RAYMOND.

ST. QUINTIN THOMPSON.

WM. POMEROY.

ROBT. ADAMS.

CHA : COLBORNE.

JOS. WORDSWORTH Jun^r.

RP. BLOUNT.

JOHN EMMERSON.

ABRA : ADAMS.

CHRISTO. BURROW.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
&CA. COUNCIL.

SIRS

IN answer to yours of the 24th. we are ready to take in One hundred Candys of Pepper, which please to order on Board the Decker with all convenient speed. being

FROM ON BOARD THE DECKER
JANUARY 25 1736.

SIRS

Your most humble Servant
ED : WILLIAMSON.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

WE wrote you under the 23^d. December by a Boat, giving you such directions as We judged proper from your observance in the critical Scituation our Hoñble Masters Affairs at your Settlement were at that time, Duplicate of which Letter comes herewith, and We shall now give the needfull reply to yours of the 4th. of that Month, received by the Defence who arrived the 24th.

WE observe & approve of your paying off the mony you had been obliged to take up at Interest for the purchase of Pepper. On the Wyndham We consign you One hundred thousand Rupees, and shall before the Rains supply you with what may be farther necessary for your occasions this Season, and we doubt not your best care, and endeavours to procure a large Quantity of Pepper of the New Crop, & on the best terms possible.

WE are very well satisfy'd with the Gratuity you have promised the Samorines Ministers on the Sum they shall pay you on account of his Debt, and shall be highly pleased to find you are able to recover the whole on those terms.

As your laying a small Tax on the Houses of Tellicherry Buzar hath not given any disgust to Narranport Nair We are not displeased with your taking that step, and We hope you will take care it does not create dissatisfaction amongst the People who reside under your protection; If it should, it will be adviseable to relinquish it, as We believe it will bring in a very trifling Sum Yearly.

IF the Heiress of Cannanore continues in her present Disposition, We would have you distress her by any means in your power, and We accordingly approve of your denying Passes for her Ships, & shall give the Commanders of our Cruizers orders to seize such as they may meet & bring them in here, which We hope will humble her insolent Pride, & bring her to reason.

THE List of Europeans, & such as dye must be transmitted Annually as near as may be to the time of the departure of the Ships.

FOR the reasons you give, We are not against allowing Dyet to the people on Durmapatam, if the Provisions cannot be convey'd to them in the same manner as is done to the other Outposts, and we depend upon your vigilance to see that our Hoñble Masters are not put to any needless charge, and We approve of your Encouragement to M^r. Rose, which We hope he will deserve.

YOU have herewith enclosed List of the Stores belonging to the Two Galevats last sent you, and an Account of the Pay due to the Three Sepoys left you by Cap^t. Inchbird, To whom as well as the Eleven mention'd in the List sent us, you may give their full Pay. We shall take another opportunity to send you the Account of the whole the Presidency is to be Credited for on Account of the Seapoys.

AS you will be so amply supplied with Rice from Bengall, We shall send you none, 'till you desire, 'though We had a Quantity ready provided; It must be your care to prevent our Honourable Masters suffering, by getting off the Rice as speedily as possible, and on the best terms you can, without giving room for Complaint to your Garrison People.

OUR thoughts on your Scituation & proceedings in regard to the Prince and Canarees are fully express'd in our Letter of the 23^d. Ultimo, To which We shall only add that We shall be very glad to find the Prince is able and will pay you such

a Sum as may defray your Disbursements on his account; In which case We would have you afford him your utmost assistance against the Canarees. Otherwise you must be cautious of putting our Honble Masters to Expence, as they have so frequently found fault with it, though we dread the Consequence of withdrawing our assistance from the Prince, so as to occasion his throwing his dependance upon any other European nation. But we refer to our Letter abovemention'd, & recommend the severall Points mentioned therein to your strict Observance.

Our Cruizers having been so Successfull as to take one of Angrias Grabs near Mangalore, We believe he will be cautious of venturing his Grabs to the S^o.ward of his Ports this Season, but should he send them we hope it would give us a very good opportunity of meeting with them, as our Vessels are now divided into Two Fleets; Though our Marine Force is greatly weakned by a most unfortunate accident; The Neptune Frigat being blown up in firing a Salute on Christmas Day, The Vessel is entirely destroy'd, and We last [*sic*] about Twenty four Europeans & Thirty Blackmen by this Unhappy Disaster.

We approve of your putting Joseph Blommart in command of the Fly, and John Sanders into the Dolphin, and shall make Antonio Gomez an allowance, as being a deserving Old Servant.

We are greatly surprised at the excessive Charges in sending you the Detachments from Madrass, which will make us cautious of applying thither again, unless upon a very urgent occasion.

We now send you as many Stores in part of your last Indent, as We can possibly spare; But not having more Covenant Servants than are wanted upon the Island, we must defer complying with your request, 'till the Europe ships arrive, when We expect a Supply from England.

We shall adjust all your Accounts in rupees at Five Fanams for the future, 'though as We had orderd the same to be done at Five & a quarter, That method has been practiced upon our Books, & the altering the Exchange so often will look very irregular & create confusion.

We have given Bills for the mony belonging to the Estate of Mr. Christie at Two Shillings & Four Pence, It being not in our power to favour the Widdow, & Children in the manner you request.

We now consign you our Honble Masters Ships Defence and Wyndham, The former having taken in here [*Lacuna*] and the Latter [*Lacuna*] in part of their Cargos for England. The Charterparty Tonnage of each is Four hundred and Eighty Tonns, which you are to compleat with Pepper, & the Cardamoms orderd to be provided, but if the whole quantity should not be in readiness, do not detain the Ships any time upon that Account; but supply the deficiency in Pepper. You may put aboard each Ship over and above their Charterparty Tonnage, as much Pepper as the Commanders request for, and promise in writing in behalf of their Owners to carry at Low Freight, remembering to send the Original Requests to the Honble Company and to keep an attested Copy with you. We recommend to you to use the necessary Expedition in Loading the Ships, and as soon as the same is compleated; give the Commanders their last Dispatches for St^t. Helena, & from thence to the River of Thames.

At Cap^t. Shuter's request, We have permitted him to pay into your Cash, what mony he shall have, after finishing his Accounts, which do you accordingly receive, and upon his declaring the same to be on account of his private Adventure, according to the Company's Indulgence, give him the proper Certificates, leaving the Exchange to be adjusted in England. We are

SIRS

Your Loving Friends

JOHN HORNE.

GEO: TAYLOR.

GEO: PERCIVAL.

J. LAMBTON.

CHARLES WHITEHILL.

THOMAS WATERS.

BOMBAY CASTLE

JANUARY 21ST. 1736/7.

RECEIVED THE 29TH. DO.

DEFENCE.

To STEPHEN LAW ESQR.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

HAVING received on Board the Wyndham to this day to the amount of my Tonnage for compleating Four hundred and Eighty Tonns; I am now to request you will supply me with Two hundred Twenty four Candys & Three Quarters of Pepper more, which I do in behalf of my Owners declare shall be charged to the Honble Company at a Low Freight, in a manner as may be Agreed on between s^d. Company and Owners. I am

GENTLEMEN

TELLICHERRY

Your most humble Servant

FEBRUARY 4TH. 1736/7.

RICHARD SHUTER.

A True Copy from the Original.

STEPHEN LAW.
RICHARD SHUTER.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

To STEPHEN LAW ESQR.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

HAVING received on Board the Defence to this time to the amount of my Tonnage for compleating Four hundred & Eighty Tonns; I am now to request you will supply me with Two hundred Seventy nine Candys of Pepper more, which I do in behalf of my Owners declare shall be charged to the Honble Company at a Low Freight, in a manner as may be agreed on between s^d. Company and Owners. I am

GENTLEMEN

TELLICHERRY

Your most humble Servant

FEBRUARY THE 4TH. 1736/7.

JAMES M^T. GOMERY.

Attested to be a true Copy from the Original.

STEPHEN LAW.
JAMES M^T. GOMERY.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

To STEPHEN LAW ESQR.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

ON the 2^d. Instant We received your letter of the 25th. last Month.

WE have put the Cannanore Munchua's Loading, consisting of One hundred Thirty nine Bales, & parcels of Cloth &c^a. on Board our Sloop, as the Masters receipt enclosed having some suspicions, that the Dutch might insult the Sloop, in case the Munchua went up in her Company, We detain her here with what Jagaree is on Board, 'till such time as We have further directions from you, which We hope will prevent any troublesome Disputes. As the Lacadiva Islands are under the jurisdiction of Ally Rajah's Family, & a small Boat with Rice belonging to them. was passing here, We stopped her & now send her to you.

THE People belonging to the Munchua, finding their Cargo taken out, all deserted her, but they took an account with our people, what was put on Board the Sloop.

WE are not yet apprized what Quantity of the Bales belongs to the Merchants of this Country, but we have advised the Government, that what shall appear really to be on their proper accounts, shall be restored to them at Tellicherry or Callicut, and as soon as the Merchants give us any account, we will transmit it to you.

WHEN you have no further occasion for the Detachment we sent you, please to return such as have Families here, or others that shall request it, which is all we have to add, but our request of forwarding the accompanying Paquet to Bombay. We are

SIRS

Your most humble Servants

WILLIAM WAKE.

JAMES SALISBURY.

RICHARD SANDERS.

ANJENGO

FEBRUARY THE 9TH. 1736/7.

RECEIVED THE 28TH. D^O.

EMELIA SLOOP.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
&CA. COUNCIL.

SIR AND SIRS

I received your Favour and am obliged to you for your ready Inclinations to serve me, & I hope to be with you in about Ten days, when I shall be ready to comply with your Commands being

SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient Servant to Command

BEEPORE

MARCH THE 8TH. 1736/7.

RECEIV'D THE 9TH. D^O.

JOHN RAWLINSON.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

YOUR Letter of the 24th. December came to our hands the 22^d. January, and that of the 2^d. January the 28th. with your Consultations of the 14th. & 30th. December accompanying them, and having seriously considered the Contents of s^d. Advices, It occurs to us that the Princes accepting of the offers made him by the Dutch for keeping the Canarees out of his Country, and granting them to Export from his Dominions a certain Quantity of Pepper at a limited price will be attended with fatal Consequences to our Hon^{ble} Masters Trade and Priviledges in his Country; It also seems not unlikely to us, but his seeming eagerness to join with the Dutch may proceed from the little Inclination We of late have shewn to launch out mony for his Service, & considering also that there is not above Two Months left of this Season for the Canarees executing their designs, and as we are not without hopes that by our acting in conjunction with the Mallabars vigorously against them, We may so far distress them, as to bring them to an Inclination for Peace, when your Solicitations for prevailing upon the Price to agree to such terms as the Canarees may accept of, must not be wanting; and as the Expence of our continuing our assistance to the Mallabars for the remainder of this Season cannot be very considerable, & may prevent the many mischiefs to be dreaded from our refusal at this juncture: All these Circumstances being duly weighed have induced us to resolve upon sending you Three of our Cruizers to countenance your Proceedings, The Rose Gally will make the best of her way to you, & the others be dispatch'd from Gereah by the 10th. of March, & these Vessels with what other Force you can spare, you are to employ in such a manner as may be most conducive to the Interest of our Hon^{ble} Employers, either in distressing the Canarees, or serving the Prince in any other manner, that shall appear most necessary, having special regard to prevent the designs of the Dutch taking place, and keeping up to the resolution you have

taken of suffering no Pepper to be exported from the parts where the Trade is made over to our Employers, We had rather do it for putting them to an expence (which is now absolutely necessary) to maintain their Trade and Priviledges, than be blamed for loosing them through our supiness or neglect for issuing the necessary Disbursement to defend them; And We give you full and ample Powers to do all such things as you shall judge will obtain the Ends proposed, assuring you of our favourable, & candid Construction of your Proceedings, and We will not discourage you by limiting the Expence, as We trust you will not disburse anything but what shall seem to you necessary to be done for promoting the Success of our present design.

You have had our thoughts so fully touching a Separate Peace with the Canarees, that We don't suppose you will think of it, but upon the last Extremity, and though We have given you so full a Latitude to assist the Prince, it must not make you forget to lay hold of every opportunity to get what you can from him, but be cautious of pressing him at an improper time, or in a manner that may give him Disgust.

We would not have you detain the Vessels after the 10th. April upon any account, but so much sooner as your Affairs will permit of your returning them to us, We shall be the better pleased, and you are to Load on them all the Timber and Plank ready provided for Gombroon Factory, and such a quantity of Pepper as they can afterwards conveniently take in, as We propose dispatching the Ships home from hence, without sending one of them down the Coast, if We can get Pepper ready sufficient to floor them.

We approve of your advancing your Chitty Ten thousand Rupees for purchasing Pepper the ensuing Season, and We shall take care to send you before the Rains a Sum of mony sufficient for your occasions.

In your Consultation of the 14th. December We observe the request of your Head Linguist, and as he has from all hands the Character of a faithfull and able Servant We cannot but approve your answer & Resolution thereupon.

The Gentlemen in Bengall have reminded us of the Mast they desired to be Provided for a Flagstaff; Do you therefore if possible get it ready, and forward it to them by the Hailifax, or any other returning Ship that can take it in.

You may take Two Lascars out of each of these Vessels in lieu of those you sent up. We are,

SIRS

Your Loving Friends

JOHN HORNE.

GEO : TAYLOR.

GEO : PERCIVAL.

W. H. DRAPEE.

J. LAMBTON.

CHARLES WHITEHILL.

THOMAS WATERS.

BOMBAY CASTLE

FEBRUARY THE 22^d. 1736/7.

P.S.

Since writing the foregoing We have consider'd that our positive orders for returning the Vessels by the 10th. of April, may lay you under some difficulties, and therefore if your Affairs absolutely require it you may detain the Rose with you, and let her come up in August with what Pepper She can take in, dispatching the others by the time limited.

JOHN HORNE.

GEO : TAYLOR.

GEO : PERCIVAL.

W. H. DRAPEE.

J. LAMBTON.

CHARLES WHITEHILL.

THOMAS WATERS.

RECEIVED MARCH 23^d. 1736/7.

BRITANNIA GRAB.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

SIRS

WE wrote you under the 22^d. Ultimo in answer to your advices of the 24th. December & 2^d. January, which We forwarded by the Rose & Princess Carolina Gallies, in hopes of their meeting the other Vessels coming up from Gereah, intending that they should return in Company, and lye off that Port 'till the 10th. March, & then proceed to you, and in our said Letter, were the proper directions how to employ the Cruizers, but the Two Galleys missing the others, they did according to orders, after touching at Anjenvell return hither; And the Decker Importing the 24th. Ultimo, brought us your Advices of the 26th. January by which We find you were upon the point of concluding a Separate Peace with the Canarees, being induced thereto from the Resolution they seem to have taken of Subduing the Mallabars. The Cowardice & Supiness of the latter, the little probability of our being able to impeded the execution the execution [*sic*] of their designs, together with the Charge of attempting it, & the Evils that would ensue upon any misfortune happening to our Forces; these no doubt are weighty objections against our carrying on the war, But then on the other hand, We still continue to be very apprehensive, that if the Prince grants the Dutch the Priviledge you mention, We shall experience the ill consequence thereof in a very great degree, for 'though by our Honble Masters having the Prince & his Predecessour's Grants of the sole Trade of his Country, We look upon it, as their Right & Property, yet We are afraid the Dutch will not give up that point, but insist & enforce a compliance with whatever Grants they may obtain from the Prince, & if We (as We must do) proceed to maintain by force our prior Grants for the sole Trade of the Princes Country, The question is whether an open Rupture with the Dutch would be more eligible than continuing the War with the Canarees. We always understood that it was in our power to cut off their Provisions by Sea, which would have obliged them to retire from the Mallabar Country, and effectually to perform this Service, We resolved upon sending you our Cruizers to remain with you so long as the Season would permit but whether your Opinion or ours is best grounded, as you have concluded a Separate Peace, you must not now break it, The Prince we perceive by your Consultations is greatly disgusted at it, and 'though we have certainly shewn ourselves heartily attach'd to his interest, & performed more for him than he could with reason expect, Yet the Ingratitude of these people is such, that We fear he will be apt to forget all our past Services, & only retain this Circumstance in his memory, which our Competitors the Dutch will no doubt remind him of (to serve their turn upon any occasion) as an Instance how little our Friendship is to be depended on; and We shall conclude what We have to say at present on this Subject, with remarking that the Treachery & Infidelity of the Canarees is so well known, and it seems to us that you will have so many difficulties to encounter, after the conclusion of this Separate Peace, that 'though We heartily wish you may obtain the ends proposed by coming into it, yet We fear it will only prove a temporary expedient.

We are truly sorry for the accident of blowing up the Magazine at Ayconny, which by great good fortune was attended with the Loss of so few Men, but if it could be known that it was actually occasioned in the manner you set forth; how little consideration must those People have, who permitted an Iron Hammer to be used in a place, where such combustible materials were kept.

WE shall by the Decker comply with your indents as far as We can afford, and in the mean time hope to receive some advices from you, as We are impatient to know what turn your Affairs are like to take.

WE send you enclosed an indent of Timber and Plank (received from Gombroon) wanting to compleat the Factory Repairs, which We recommend to you to Load on these Vessels if possible and should you not be able while the Vessels remain with you to have the Beams smoothd, or the Plank sawed, you may send the Timber rough, taking care they be large enough to be cut according to the Dimensions given in the Indent, and We will have them done here What contained in the s^d. Indent, is all that is wanting at Gombroon and therefore what more you may have provided,

you may keep by you for our further Orders, or redispoe of, if to be done without Loss, & put as much Pepper on Board the Cruizers, as they can conveniently take in, & dispatch them to us by the 5th. of next Month at furthest.

We would have you send up on these Vessels as many Sepoys as you can spare, as you intimate they are of the least Service, though at near the same expence as Europeans. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE

SIRS

MARCH THE 11TH. 1736/7.

Your Loving Friends

RECEIVD THE 23^D. DO.

BRITANNIA GRAB.

JOHN HORNE.

GEO : TAYLOR.

GEO : PERCIVAL.

WILLIAM COCKELL.

CHARLES WHITEHILL.

THOMAS WATERS.

INDENT OF TIMBER & PLANK TO REPAIR GOMBROON FACTORY VIZ.

					Inches		
Beam	..	..	..	..	10	Square 18 foot long	1 Peice
Joices	..	..	..	..	8 & 6	17 Ditto	46
Ditto	..	..	..	..	8 & 6	15 Ditto	40
Ditto	..	..	..	..	5 & 4	9 Ditto	92
Ditto	..	..	..	..	8 & 6	18 Ditto	20
Ditto	..	..	..	..	6 & 5	11 Ditto	56
							255 Peices
Planks	..	..	..	..	1 Inch thick		5500 Feet

RECEIVD MARCH 23^D. 1736/7

BRITANNIA GRAB.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQR.

CHIEF OF TELlichERRY.

WORSPL. SIR

Your Worship's of the 14th. I receivd with one Copper Cauldron, & Three hundred & Ninety Bales of Chunam, Ten of which I measured, which amounted to Four hundred Twenty two Measures; as likewise your Worships of the 16th. with Six hundred Bales Chunam Ten of which I likewise measured, which amounts to Fifty four measures with which I received Six Baskets of Charcoal, & some Steel, The works go well on, by tomorrow night the last part of the Foundation will be equal with the Ground, & the rest is all between Three or Four Foot high We are likewise pretty forward in demolishing the Old Wall, but as there are a great number of People at Work, & all paid in mony, in two days more We shall want mony, I have taken care to cover the Chunam. This morning a Dutch Boat, with Jack, Ensign & Pendant came over the Bar, upon which I fired Two Musquets to bring her to, which She made no account of but made the best of her way towards Madday Fort, but upon firing a Wall Peice pretty near her, She went ashore at the Matamy side, where the People on Board went ashore, consisting as I am told of the Cap^t. of the Ship, Cap^t. of the Military, & Secretary of Cochin, with some Soldiers, I then sent Cocket to acquaint them immediately to be gone, that they was not to continue there, otherwise I must fire upon them, they told him they was come to meet with our Prince, & they would not be gone before they see him; I then fired Two more Wall Peices near them, they then thought proper to be gone over the Bar, but continued at the other side of the Point, untill four a Clock in the afternoon, when they went

aboard without seeing the Prince; The Nairs & Moors here have got a notion they are to Fortify Matamy Point, that they have already got the Princes Grant for so doing; I was told yesterday that some of the Dutch was once at the Point some days ago, but they kept under Cover of the Trees, so as We could not perceive them from hence; In this Munchua to day came a Gentleman, who calls himself a Doctor, as I have no account of him, I should be glad to know upon what footing he is, & how I am to use him; As We have Tiveys here I have this day sent Thirteen of our Telli-cherry Cooleys away; Our Tony here being daily employ'd, cannot send her to Tellicherry for the mony. I am

WORSPL. SIR

MADACARRA

Your most Obedient humble Servant

MARCH 17 1736/7.

HEN: FORBES.

6 a Clock at Night.

RECEIVD THE 18 D^o.

TO THE WORSPL. STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELlichERRY.

GENTLEMEN

THE Britannia can take aboard Fifty Men, and each of the Gallys Thirty, and We shall be obliged to take aboard Water Casks for the Supply of these people, We shall not be able to take in much Pepper. We are

GENTLEMEN

MARCH 27TH. 1737.

Your most Obedient Servants

FRAMPTON LEWIS.

JOHN BENSON.

HENRY EATON.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELlichERRY.

SIRS

WE Wrote you by our Cruizers under the 11th. Instant & have not since then receivd any Letters from you.

WE are now to acquaint you that last Saturday night, The Morratta's Forces attacked the Pass of Tannah, & with little or no resistance Landed upon the Island of Salsett, of which they are become already entire Masters, except the small Fort at Versova, and the Church of Bendorah, in the latter of which places We have put Fifty Men, having but too much reason to dread the mischiefs that will attend it's falling into the Enemy's hands; And as We know not how soon their late easy Conquest may embolden them to make some attempt on this Island, We are putting our Outposts in the best posture of Defence We can; But as the number of our Men, is far less than the present Exigency requires, we dispatch this Boat Express, in hopes of her arriving with you, before our Cruizers leave your Port, & in such case We direct you to send up in company with them such of the Galevats as you have not the most pressing occasion for, with as many of your Garrison People both Soldiers and Seepoys as you can possibly spare, & such Arms (besides those belonging to the people you may send) as are not absolutely necessary to be kept with you, will be very acceptable, Should the Cruizers be sailed from your Port, before this Letter reaches you, we would have you send all the Men and Arms you can spare in Galvets only, not being apprehensive that they will run any great risque at this time of the Year; And as you are sensible of the Treachery & ill designs of the Morattas, & of the necessity of our being well guarded against them, We perswade ourselves no light Consideration will induce you to keep from us any people or Arms, that the due regard for the Safety of your own Settlement, will admit of your furnishing us with.

We have orderd this Boat to call at Goa, & lodge orders there for the Cruizers making the best of their way up, Should She miss of them in her Passage down, or at your Port. We are

Your Loving Friends

BOMBAY CASTLE
MARCH 31ST. 1737.
RECEIVED APRIL THE 8TH.
Ⓜ BOAT.

JOHN HORNE.
GEO: TAYLOR.
GEO: PERCIVAL.
WILLIAM COCKELL.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

WE are now to reply to yours of the 12th. February, which did not reach us 'till the 7th. Instant, & to give you such directions as are present necessary for your observance.

We now dispatch to you the Decker, whom you are to fill up with Pepper, consigning One half thereof to the President and Council at Fort St^t. George, & the other half to Bengall, advising to each place the quantity put on Board, & as unavoidable accidents have obliged us to detain the Ship here longer than We designed, We earnestly recommend to you to give her the quickest Dispatch possible. The Copper She has on Board, is in part of her Kintlage, which is Seventy Eight Tonns, & with the Commander's & Officers Priviledge amount to Ninety three Tonns, & the Ship is Lett out for Four hundred & Ninety, The remainder you are to supply in Pepper, She having no Iron Kintlage on Board.

AND as this Ship will take from us so large a part of the Tonnage We hoped to have ready against January We doubt not but it will excite your best endeavours to procure as much Pepper as possible of the ensuing Crop, which We are sorry to find is like to be but small; We have consigned you on this Ship Eighty thousand Rupees, which We compute will be sufficient to pay for Two thousand Five hundred Candys of Pepper, & defray your Expences 'till the last of October; We have likewise sent you on her all the Stores We can venture to spare, which you'l find inserted in the Invoice.

WE observe the quantity of Pepper & Cardamoms laden on the departed Ships, but We find you do not rightly apprehend our Hon^{ble} Masters orders concerning the Surplus Tonnage, which should not be Laden aboard unless the Com^r. requests for it in writing & agrees in behalf of the Owners to carry it at the low Freight, which is half Freight, & was clearly explained in our Letter by the Lynn, But you have left the Freight of s^d. Surplus to be adjusted, which may probably cause a dispute between the Hon^{ble} Company, & the Owners; For the future let strict care be taken, that no Surplus Tonnage be put aboard, unless the Com^{rs}. request for it in writing and engage in behalf of their Owners to carry it at half Freight.

WE can add little to our former Letters concerning your Resolution of striking up a Separate Peace with the Canarees. & as things are so far gone, the sooner it is concluded, the better, we shall be heartily glad to find your expectations are answerd, but We much doubt it & are apprehensive this step will be attended with numerous inconveniencies. If the Dutch faile the Prince in the promis'd assistance it is most likely that the Canarees will entirely subdue the Mallabar Country, when all our hopes of advantage will depend on their faith, & experience has taught us how little that is to be confided in; On the other hand if the Canarees are drove out, & the Prince by means of the Dutch renderd capable of maintaining his Country, It seems reasonable to believe they will spirit him up to resent our forsaking him at the time, when he stood most in need of our assistance; So that either way the prospect is very disagreeable, but We must depend upon you to reconcile your Conduct to the Prince in such a manner, as may prevent the Dutch having an Influence with him to our Prejudice.

As the Heiress of Cannanore still continues her endeavours to give you trouble, We have given Orders to the Commanders of our Cruizers to seize such of her Vessels, as they meet with.

If the Mast for Bengall is ready, & the Decker can take it in, send it upon her, as we have thoughts of detaining the Hallifax 'till July or August.

DOCTOR MOORE's Salary has been paid here only to the 1st. of July, from which time do you make it good to him. We are,

BOOMBAY CASTLE

APRIL THE 11TH. 1737.

P. S.

Enclosed is an Account of what this Presidency is to be Credited for on Account the Detachments & Sepoys since July last; The same being Adjusted to that time upon our Books.

JOHN HORNE.
G. TAYLOR.
GEO : PERCIVAL.
WILLIAM COCKELL.
W. H. DRAPER.
CHARLES WHITEHILL.

Your Loving Friends

JOHN HORNE.
GEO : TAYLOR.
GEO : PERCIVAL.
WILLIAM COCKELL.
W. H. DRAPER.
CHARLES WHITEHILL.

RECEIVED APRILL 17 1737.

DECKER.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

SIR & SIRs

ON the 14th. Instant by the Emilia Sloop We received your Letter of the 8th. with the Detachment belonging to this Garrison under the care of Ensign Henry Forbes. Your List specifies Twenty two Firelocks, Bayonets & Boxes returned, but the Ensign received no more than Twenty, of which he says he advised you from on Board, The Two that are wanting, please to return us by the first Conveyance, We now return the Firelock & pair of Pistols, which the Ensign brought with him.

ON the 22^d. We receivd yours of the 8th. by Coyamu Agi, & Pacuro; and according to your directions, We have deliverd to them the Cannanore Munchua, with what small parcels &c^a. We found remaining on Board, after the people belonging to her, had deserted her, as We advised you in ours of the 9th. Ultimo; Enclosed is List of what is on Board, signed by the said Coyamu Agi & Pacuro, as likewise the Charges We have been at which amounts to Gallian Fanams Five hundred Twenty seven & Four Maganeys, or Rupees Eighty seven Three Quarters & Fifty Raes, which please to pay to Stephen Law Esq^r.

POSSIBLY the List of Remains may not agree with such an account as the Owners of the Munchua may give in to you, but it specifies all that was found aboard her by the proper people We sent off for that purpose, after We found all her Crue had deserted her; they were all gone from hence, before We knew anything of their leaving her, and what they might carry off with them We know not.

WE could not conveniently weigh the Jaggaree, as the Surf here for some days has run so high, as it could not be Landed without damaging it.

WHEN the Noquedah of the Munchua was here, We took from him a List of the Bales, & to whom they belong'd, Copy of which you have received, and by which, if what he gave us, was a true one you will perceive what belongs to the Merchants of Travencore &c^a. We formerly advised you, that We had wrote to the Government to send hither all such Merchants as were their Subjects, & had any Effects on Board, and to such as have come, We compared their Bills of Lading

with the List, & the Chief has advised Stephen Law Esq^r. by them, or their Agents; We suppose that some of the Freighters may have gone directly to you, without calling here but of all such as may hereafter come hither & make appear what properly belongd to them, we shall advise you.

We heartily congratulate you on the Peace you have made with the Canarees, which We wish may continue. We are

ANJENGO

MARCH THE 25TH. 1737.

RECEIVD APRIL 21ST.

☞ MUNCHUA.

SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble Servants

WILLIAM WAKE.

JAMES SALISBURY.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
CHIEF & CA. FACTORS

GENTLEMEN

We have perused your Letter to us concerning our more speedy Arrival at Bombay with the Forces you can spare from this place.

We do believe that the Dolphin, Antilope, & Fly Galevats are in a condition to proceed in our Company, as they will not be over Loaded, nor pesterd with People, & therefore more able to keep the Sea.

We do likewise believe that the Martha Grab's proceeding in our Company will be of little or no hindrance to us, as we shall make the best of our way with her in Towe of the Britannia. We are with the utmost Respect

SIR AND SIRS

TELLICHERRY FORT

APRIL THE 9TH. 1737..

Your most Obedient Servants

FRAMPTON LEWIS.

JOHN BENSON.

HEN: EATON.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.
CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

LAST night the Chief by private advices from Fort St. George, was informed of the Arrival of our Honble Masters Ship Bedford Cap^t. Wells from England; She left the Downs on the 25th. of November in company with the Princess Louisa, Royal Guardian, Mountague, Wilmington and George. Enclosed is a List of Ships sent out this Year, which We judge may not be improper to send you, that you may as soon as possible be acquainted with the large Quantity of Tonnage for this side of India.

EUROPE was in Peace, but the Embroils between Spain & Portugal were not adjusted. Not having any other material advices, We shall only add that We are

ANJENGO

MAY 24TH. 1737.

RECEIVD JUNE THE 5TH.

☞ PATAMAR.

SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble Servants

WILLIAM WAKE.

JAMES SALISBURY.

RICHARD SANDERS.

LIST OF SHIPS SENT OUT BY THE HONBLE COMPANY TO ALL PARTS OF INDIA
ANNO 1736 VIZ.

For Fort St. George & Canton.

The Royal Guardian Cap^t. Hoadley.

For Canton.

The Sussex Gostlin.

The Winchester Shepeard.

For Limpo.

The Harrison Martin.

For Mocha.

The Mountague Seale.

For St. Helena & Bencoolen.

The George White.

For Bengall & Bencoolen.

The Lyell Acton.

For Bengall & Bombay.

The Newcastle Crabb.

For Bombay & Bengall.

The Grafton Prince Jun^r.

For Madera Coast & Bay.

The Duke of Dorset Gilbert.

For Bombay to stay as Comodore a Season.

The Wilmington Massey.

For Bombay.

The Heathcote Cape.

For Coast and Bay.

The Bedford .. } early Ships Wells.

Princess Louisa .. } Pinnel Jun^r.

Nottingham Winter.

Devonshire Prince Sen^r.

Besides the Decker Cap^t. Williamson in June was sent to the Malabar Coast to Load Pepper for the Coast and Bay.

SUPRACARGOS.

FOR MOCHO.

Mr. Burrish 1st. Commission 2 ₤ Cent.

Oliver 2 .. 2 ₤ Cent.

Seale 3 .. 1

FOR CANTON.

Mr. Elwick 1 Commission 13/110 Concern £10000.

Aynsworth 2 13/110 Which I suppose will

King 3 8/110 be divided in pro-

Scrivener 4 4/110 portion to their

Dorril 5 2/110 Commission.

FOR LIMPO.

Mr. Barne 1 Commission 2 ₤ Cent.

Lethievlier 2 2 £5000 Concern,

Misenor 3 1 which I suppose
will be divided
as afore.

RECEIVED JUNE 5 1737

₤ PATTAMAR.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

GENTLEMEN

By our Honble Masters Ship Decker that arrived here the 12th. of May, We received yours of the 25th. April, enclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for Eleven hundred Eighty six Candys of Pepper amounting to Ninety four thousand Nine hundred Ninety five Rupees, One Quarter, Sixty Raes; We have given Account Currant London Credit for the whole, and having received ashore here about half the Quantity, We have Debted Bengall Presidency for the remainder that was left on Board, to be deliverd there.

WE are pleased that the Conduct of the Officers We sent you, was to your satisfaction; We have had regard to your recommendation in favour of the Serjeant, to whom We have given an Ensign's Commission, & shall do for the rest, as We have opportunity. We are

GENTLEMEN

FORT ST. GEORGE

JULY THE 2^D. 1737.

RECEIVED AUGUST THE 6TH. D^O.

PR. PATTAMAR.

Your very humble Servants

RICHARD BENYON.

RANDALL FOWKE.

AUG^S. BURTON.

NIC: MORSE.

FRANCIS ROUS.

W. MONSON.

GEORGE TORRIANO.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

SIRS

SINCE our last by the Decker under the 11th. April, yours of the 17th. of March came to hand, and the Cruizers importing the 9th. of May, brought us your severall Letters of the 5th. 6th. 9th. & 10th. of April; As We cannot be certain, that the Weather will permit of this Vessel touching at this Port, We shall now but briefly reply to your s^d. Advices, & only give you such directions as are immediately necessary.

OUR Honble Masters Ship Grafton Arrived from England the 9th. of. June, & the Wilmington & Mountague the 2^d. of July The Two latter were bound to Mocho, but not reaching Aden 'till the beginning of June, the Commanders thought it too late to beat for a Passage up the Gulph so bore away for this Port, We were greatly afraid this would have occasioned our falling short of Tonnage (as the Mountague thus unexpectedly fell on our hands) but Mr. Waters &c^A. at Mocho being informed by the Supracargos of the Mountague of their being disappointed in their hopes of getting to that Port, they have made a provision of a full Loading of Coffee for one Ship, & We propose to dispatch the Mountague with it by the middle of next Month.

WE observe in your Letter of the 5th. April, the Quantity of Pepper contracted for, & received, and your endeavours on this occasion meet entirely with our approval, and We hope you will be able to procure a small quantity more than you expect, or else We are yet apprehensive of wanting something of the Tonnage of Three Ships, unless We send more than their Kintlage in Salt petre at the full Freight, for by our Honble Masters last Orders, the Quantity of that Article loaden by request of the Commanders, is not to be reckoned into the Charterparty Tonnage.

THE Honble Company are pleased to Indent for Ten thousand Pounds weight of Cardamoms, which quantity you must do your utmost endeavours to provide of the best sort, & on the cheapest terms possible.

THEY are again pleased to complain of the foulness of the Pepper received from your place, which We must press you to remedy in future; If you cannot prevail on those you contract with, to deliver it cleaner, We desire the greatest care may be taken in garbling after it's being received into Warehouse, because it is not only the Loss of the deficiency in Weight, but our Hoñble Masters pay the Freight for such Trash, which is more than half the prime Cost of the Pepper.

IN the Paragraphs of their Commands, which come enclosed, you'll also observe their final Sentiments in regard to the Island Durmapatam; And as the securing that place does not seem to them of the same Importance We thought it, It must be preserved in the best manner possible with the Fortifications already raised thereon.

WE shall defer saying any thing concerning your proceedings with the Canarees, 'till the Mountague sailes, and in the mean time We hope to learn from you what dependance is to be had upon their Engagements, when we shall be able to give you more certain directions, & we shall likewise then give you our Orders as to the Fortifying of Madacarra.

WE are afraid the Prince's Scituation will not at present allow him to discharge any part of his large Debt, however We must remind you not to omit any favourable opportunity that shall offer.

THE Morattas remain upon Salsett, & have secured themselves within the Fortress of Tannah; They also continue to Beseige Basseen, and it is reported that a Force will be sent against Goa; The Portuguese Circumstances We are afraid are too bad to hope they can retrieve what they have lost, and while the Morattas continue upon Salsett, it will oblige us to put our Hoñble Masters to the expence of keeping up a sufficient Force to defend our Island from them and to be constantly in readiness as there are severall Parts of the River between Salsett & us fordable at low Water, and if they acquire any Strength by Sea (as there is room to fear they will) the Trade carried on in small Craft will be more exposed to danger than ever it has been. We are,

BOMBAY CASTLE

AUGUST THE 19TH. 1737.

Forward the enclosed to Anjengo by the first opportunity.

RECEIVED AUGUST THE 25TH. 1737

☞ BOMBAY SLOOP.

Your Loving Friends

JOHN HORNE.

GEO : TAYLOR.

GEO : PERCIVAL.

CHA : WHITEHILL.

COPY OF SUNDRY PARAGRAPHS OF THE HOÑBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS THEIR
COMMANDS TO BOMBAY RELATING TO TELLICHERY FACTORY VIZ^T.

AND first We have taken up the following Ships for all Parts of India and China Viz^t.

	Ships			Burthen	Commanders	Where Consigned		
November 3d. 1736 ☞ Wilming- ton. Paragraph 5th.	Montague	..	..	490	Daniel Seale	..	..	Mocha
	Wilmington	..	..	490	Charles Massey	..	..	Mocha & Bombay
	George	..	..	480	Nath ^l . White	..	..	S ^t . Helena & Ben- coolen
	Harrison	..	..	460	Sam ^l . Martin	..	..	Limpo
	Sussex	..	..	490	Francis Gostlin	..	..	Canton

Ships	Burthen	Commanders	Where Consigned
Winchester	490	Rich ^d . Sheppard ..	Canton
Royal Guardian	490	Henry Hoadly ..	Madrass, Canton & back to Madrass
Bedford	490	William Wells ..	} Early Ships to the Coast & Bay
Princess Louisa	490	Rich ^d . Pinnell ..	
Devonshire	495	Lau ^r . Prince ..	} Coast & Bay
Nottingham	490	Ralph Far Winter ..	
Duke of Dorset	460	Thomas Gilbert ..	Madeira, Coast & Bay.
Lyell	490	John Acton ..	Bengall & Bencoolen
Grafton	495	Lau ^r . Prince Jun ^r .	Bombay & Bengall
Newcastle	495	Richard Crabb ..	Bengall & Bombay
Heathcote	480	Jonathan Cape ..	Bombay

THE Pepper received on Board the Queen Caroline was so very foul, that upon Garbling Three thousand Nine hundred & Eighty Pounds of Trash came out of it, which our Warehousekeeper informs us is as much a gain as ever was taken from the same Quantity of Pepper from your Coast, & is fifteen times as much as comes out of the Bencoolen Ships, so that our Servants at Tellicherry are Blame worthy in this respect, and you must write to them in pressing terms to have it well Garbled, & not give us any cause of complaint in future. Paragraph 21st.

You tell us that the Charge of settling upon, & duly Fortifying Durmapatam Island will amount to Thirty thousand Pounds Sterling, and therefore a stop was put to all proceedings relating thereto, 'till our pleasure was known, this is for so far well, you may perceive by what We wrote last Year, our real sentiments upon such a costly undertaking, We can never bear the thoughts of laying out such a Sum upon Stone Walls & Forts; Our Servants at Tellicherry should not go upon such projects, nor endeavour to involve us in new expensive measures, but on the contrary be content in their present Scituation, & study to improve all opportunities which that affords them, to secure the Pepper requisite to Load home our Ships from time to time, keeping their Expences within more due bounds, as to our great concern it appears by their last Books, the Charges of that Settlement amounted to Five hundred and fourteen thousand Fanams, Thus rising upon us year after year, which cuts very deep in the Profits on Pepper received from thence, therefore We hereby direct that you keep what possession you have of Durmapatam on the best & cheapest terms you can. after all the expence of Treasure, which that Settlement has put us to for a series of Years past, there has been a constant succession of difficulties raised, in the carrying on our Affairs from one quarter or other, and from the many different Interests of the neighbouring Chiefs among the Mallabars, this may probably be always the case, it being out of our power to reconcile them, so that our Servants Business is to cultivate a friendship with, & live as quietly & peaceably among them, as they possibly can, more especially the King of Cotata, and the Canarees, without intermeddling with their political views, and We doubt not by their making this the Rule of their management (which they are hereby enjoyn'd) of reaping the most benefit, as Pepper is always to be had for Ready Mony on the Coast, it being in a manner it's only Product, and the Natives cannot subsist without a Vend for it. Paragraph 38

THE next thing that comes under our consideration is Durmapatam Island, on this occasion We have revised all our orders relating thereto by the Britannia, Wyndham, Decker and Wilmington, had our sentiments under the 23^d. April 1735 by the Derby arrived, The Engineer consulted thereupon had been dismiss'd our Service, and by that means We are perswaded, such Sums as Nine Lack or Three Lack of Rupees had never been thought of, as he came into our Limits in a clandestine manner on the Europa our Rival in Trade, We wonder how such a Confidence should be reposed in him; We are willing to keep possession of the Island November 5th. 1736.
¶ Grafton.
Paragraph 4

as wrote you the 3^d. Instant, We cannot but still be of opinion, We shall never want Pepper from the Mallabar Coast, so long as We have ready mony to purchase it, besides our Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra are in a flourishing Scituation; in so much that We have a prospect of receiving a Million or two of Pepper from thence, so that We do not altogether depend upon your side of India for it; This observation We only make for your Information, not that it alters our demands for the Ships consigned you; according to your representation of this Island Durmapatam although We should be extreemly concerned to loose our Pepper Trade, yet the Expençe proposed by you would be equally fatal to us.

December
22^d.
1736 ¶
Grafton
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IN our severall Orders for Two Years past, We gave very explicit directions that a double stock of Pepper if possible should be always in Store to supply our demands, and We are still of the same opinion. On perusing yours & the Tellicherry Advices, We are pleased to find that our desires were anticipated in a great measure by the provision of Four thousand Candys at that Settlement only where-by We compute above Two thousand remained after the Scarborough & Caroline were Loaded; Your Surplus of Two hundred & Ninety thousand Rupees by those Ships, and the prospect they had in September of a plentiful Crop afford us a very sensible satisfaction, hereby Cargos were ready for the Britannia if She comes to you, & all the Three Ships consigned you last Season; The Richmond We hope sent fully loaden back to China in good time, & the Harrington with a large Quantity of Pepper to Bengall agreeable to the directions in the 12th. paragraph of our Commands Dated the 5th. December 1735. Such a flourishing Scituation our s^d. Settlement was in, before any mony had been expended on fortifying Durmapatam Island which adds to our pleasure, & in a manner convinces us, that it cannot be absolutely necessary, In the close of their last advices, the Canaree Army is said to be diminished, & their King invaded, & the expelling them from the Island by the Mallabars, was what they had in view, as speedily to be accomplished, so that the bare possession, without any costly Works We are perswaded will answer our purpose, but rather than be at anything like the Expençe mentioned in your overland advices of the 8th. March, you must have recourse to other parts of the Coast, in case a sufficient Quantity of Pepper, by any new Intervening Troubles cannot be secured at Tellicherry, not doubting but the Natives will be ready to dispose of the Fruits of their Labour, for the Support of themselves and Familys on moderate Terms.

Para-
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WE gave our Sentiments under the foregoing head of Investments as to Durmapatam, being naturally led thereto in treating on that Subject, but We cannot help remarking here, that you yourselves on considering the advantages, & disadvantages of holding s^d. Island in Consultation 17th. September, according to the Tellicherry Representations, observed that some passages in their Letters seemed to contradict one another, & to render doubtfull if (the End proposed) the Command of the Pepper Trade would be obtained, after We had been at the greatest Expençe to fortify it, & therefore can it be thought, We will ever launch into that vast charge upon an uncertainty, & on meer Speculation only, no, We cannot bear to bury our mony in Stone Walls, & We lay this down as a Maxim, never part from it without a valuable Consideration.

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HOWEVER Governour Adams (now in the present direction, has given us his Sentiments as to Durmapatam, & as he so long resided at Tellicherry and We are entirely of his opinion, We here transmit, & recommend the same to you, it being as follows viz^t.

“ DURMAPATAM is about Two miles to the N^o.ward of Tellicherry, & was in
“ possession of Ally Rajah & his Family till the Year 1726 when for his Insolence
“ in seizing the person of the Prince Cuni Homo, the then Governing Prince, He
“ with his Friends (of whom the Company was not the least) dispossed him of it,
“ burnt all his Houses and Vessels, & cut down all the Trees; The Moors at the
“ same time took possession of one of his Palaces near Cannanore & withstood
“ him, which occasioned the Prince to bring in the Canarees Force, which has
“ pretty well subjected the Moors; But the King of Cotata not affording the Prince
“ any assistance, but rather countenancing the Moors, was the reason that he
“ passed the Canarees Army to Durmapatam to revenge himself on that King,

“ whose Country lyes on the Eastmost side of that River, but as our last advices
 “ say, has not been able to pass it; Now as the Prince & King of Cotata have
 “ consented that the Company should take possession of that Island for their use
 “ to Build or Fortify, The French and Dutch are using all means to procure it for
 “ themselves, which if either of them should succeed in, The Company may be
 “ deprived of their Pepper Trade in those parts, though Tellicherry should be
 “ unmolested; For as the French have engrossd all the Pepper in Boyanores
 “ Country, so they would that of the King of Cotata’s & the Nombiers Country,
 “ if they should be possess’d of that Island with the King of Cotata’s consent,
 “ As to the Dutch it is the same for Cannanore is but Seven Miles from Durma-
 “ patam, and if it should fall into their hands, they would not faile to make the
 “ proper use of it and hinder any Pepper from being brought from the No. ward
 “ to us, therefore I think it adviseable, that the Company keep possession of that
 “ Island with the least expence, which I believe may be done with having a small
 “ Redout [*sic*] and a Flag flying, to let the French and Dutch know it belongs to the
 “ Company, whose Possessions they will hardly disturb in time of Peace, what-
 “ ever they may do if a War should break out, As to the Country if the Prince
 “ & King of Cotata are truly in the Company’s Interest, there is not much to be
 “ fear’d of any one else, As to the Canarees, they were brought in by our Prince,
 “ and therefore will return to their Country, when he shall think fit or proper to
 “ send them, which if they should refuse, the Governour and Council at Bombay
 “ may write to their King at Bednure to recall them, or We shall be obliged to
 “ stop up his Sea Ports ’till he does, and hinder the Trade of them, which would
 “ be of far worse consequence to them, than any thing else they can propose,
 “ to get rid of them out of the Mallabar Country; And on occasion you may have
 “ as many Nairs as you want to fight any Country Enemy, so that if your Chief
 “ and Council can but Unite the Prince and King of Cotata, I see no great occa-
 “ sion for much Expence in building or fortifying at Durmapatam for I do not
 “ think it adviseable to leave Tellicherry, for the French have always laid a Claim
 “ to that place, as it formerly belonged to them, and their House was there, when
 “ We took possession of it, in which We lived, ’till We Built in the Year 1710.

“ THE Company has a Redoutt [*sic*] at Codolee on the River of that name, which
 “ is on the Southward side of the King of Cotata’s Country, and is parted from
 “ Durmapatam by the River of that Island, & this, where they fall into the Sea,
 “ & make a separation of about a quarter of a Mile, you have also Two more
 “ Redoutts, which with this is chiefly Garrisoned with Nairs & Two or Three of
 “ the Gunners Crew.

OUR Chief at Tellicherry has complained that our Dyet allowance is not suffi-
 cient to maintain him, & having taken the same into consideration, & as the number
 of Ships which resort there, have encreased of late Years, for his better Support
 We hereby allow him Two hundred Rupees a Month for his Table, to commence
 from January last. Para-
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A true Copy

RECEIVED AUGUST 26 1737.

☞ BOMBAY SLOOP.

JOHN DACRES

Sec^{ry}.

TO MR. WILLIAM FORBES & C^a.
 FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Late the past Evening Mr. Lynch and the Linguist returned from Surapaya,
 where after spending the day in disputes, it was at last settled, that the Fort of
 Madday be vacated, and then possess’d by the Canarees, and that from the border-
 ing River No. ward, and to the place called Urbelly So. ward, be hereafter esteemed
 the Territories of the Bednure Rajah, on condition that his Forces in no wise
 approach the assigned Limits this way, nor the Prince the other, also that such

Horses, Elephants and Arms as now remain with the Mallabars of what taken from the Canarees be restored with the Royall Drum and Standard, the latter whereof not being to be found, is to be furnished by them, and then to be publickly resigned back.

SATURDAY is the time fixed for exchanging the Articles between the Prince and Surapaya on the Point of Matamy under our Guns, where the Chief cannot possibly avoid being present, as otherwise s^d. Prince would not be prevailed on to go.

The preceeding Conditions, although not favourable, yet on a view of the Circumstances of the Mallabars, We conceive it to be much better terminating things in that manner, than carry on the Contest, as both mony and Men are visibly wanting to a degree hardly conceivable to whoever is not in their secrets.

We propose making up in all about Sixty men including our Soldiers now with the Prince, and the Galevat's Detachment and a few to be drawn off from this Fortress, We also intend to joyn with us Sixty or Seventy Men in the pay of our Prince at present in Madday, so that our Force thereby will consist of One hundred and Twenty or One hundred & Thirty, but We shall want another Drum, a Pair of Colours, and another officer, which We judge you will think necessary to be sent, if to be well spared; We omit the drawing more Men from Tellicherry, as prudence requires our having a due regard to the preservation of our Settlements, nor indeed have We the least cause to suspect any Treachery to be intended; However you may weigh this Affair and provided you find a few Men can be spared, & our masters Garrisons sufficiently provided for, then you may make a small addition, though tis our opinion We had best act with entire caution in this matter, so as not to weaken our Force yonder to any degree, that can be on any event attended with bad Consequence.

A Case now goes empty, which pray order to be filled, & sent for the Soldiers, also Twenty Buckets to clean the Well here as it much requires it. We are

SIRS

Your humble Servants

MADACARRA

AUGUST 25 1737.

10 IN THE MORNING

STEPHEN LAW.

RICHARD LYNCH.

Pray send Five quire of Paper as Mr. Forbes has none to write on.

RECEIVD AUGUST 26TH. 1737.

TO MR. WILLIAM FORBES.

&C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

AGREEABLE to what the Chief wrote Mr. Forbes, We proposed to the Canarees the sending some of the principal men here to exchange the Articles agreed on by them, & the Prince, but that was not listned to, contrariwise they insisted on meeting at the Point of Mattamy and this day was appointed for it; But when they saw the Disposition We had made for securing ourselves against Treachery, by planting the Galevat suitably &c^o. they grew so timorous, that no arguments could prevaile on them to come, so that We & our People have had the Sun and Rain 'till the close of this Evening. Things being thus, and the matter in hand of the utmost moment, We are constrained to try for bringing about the desired Issue to continue here; In the morning We have resolved on sending a smart Letter, which 'tis conceived may bring them at least into our proposal of exchanging the Articles here. Our People and ourselves have no Biskit, therefore send us what you can, & some Paper, Ink and Wafers and some Sealing Wax.

WE have had rumours of ill designs intended to be executed at the time of meeting, but We really believe the same were spread by private ends of the Moors, and perhaps the Dutch, In fine We are uneasy with this delay, but We must finish some how, indeed by any means whatever, save the putting ourselves exposed to the Canaree Perfidy, which you may depend We shall avoid. We are

MADACARRA

AUGUST 28TH. 1737.

GENTLEMEN

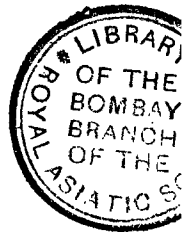
Your humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

RICHARD LYNCH.

Just on closing this the Canarees are come and We have agreed to cause the Prince to come here tomorrow, and they to send Four of the Principal Men to exchange the Articles, We believe therefore all things will end well at last, after so much delay.

RECEIVED AUGUST 29TH. 1737.



TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRs

THE accompanying We received from the President and Council of Fort St. George, with directions to forward it to you, which We now do. The Pattamar is paid his full Hire, and not having any thing further to communicate We subscribe ourselves.

ANJENGO

SEPTEMBER THE 16TH. 1737.

RECEIVED THE 28TH. DO.

¶ PATTAMAR.

SIR AND SIRs

Your most humble Servants

WILLIAM WAKE.

J. SALISBURY.

RICHARD SANDERS.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRs

THE foregoing is Copy of what We wrote you under the 19th. of August, and your Letters of the 11th. May & 9th. of June were not received untill the 17th. September, and the 24th. came to hand the Duplicates of your Packet, with your short Letter of the 15th. June; To these & your former advices, We shall in a few days give the needfull reply by an Express Conveyance; The Commander of this Ship not being certain, that he shall touch at your Port.

WE are sorry to observe that the Badness of this Years Crop of Pepper, had put it out of your power to procure the Quantity We hoped you would have in readiness for the January Ships, 'though We are perswaded your best endeavours have been used to prevent any disappointment, from what We are able to judge at present, We shall not have Tonnage enough for Three Ships, even supposing that you will

have in readiness Two thousand Two hundred Candys of Pepper, therefore if you have reason to doubt, that any of those you have Contracted with, will faile in delivering in the full Amount they stand engaged for, We must desire you will supply the deficiency at all hazards, so as to have in readiness early in January the beforementioned Quantity of Two thousand Two hundred Candys at least, It being so uncertain what Pepper We may procure at Onore or Carwar, We do not include any thereof in the Tonnage expected for Three Ships.

WE should have sent you a Supply of Treasure on this Ship, had it not been for the uncertainty of her calling at your Port, but We don't apprehend you will be in want of any 'till January, when We shall send you a Sum sufficient for your occasions; However the Gentlemen at Anjengo, through their not Contracting for Cloth last year, having a Surplus of mony to the amount of Twenty thousand Rupees, or something more, We shall direct them to send you the same on the Decker or Newcastle, if either of those Ships touch there in their return from Bengall.

You will not be unmindfull of the Honourable Company's directions for the provision of Ten thousand Pound weight of Cardamoms, taking Care they are the best sort & well pack'd, We will if possible supply you with some Gold Coins, but the Juddah ships having brought this Year but a very small amount, Venetians & Gubbers are so dear in Surat, that We believe nothing would be saved to our Hoñble Masters by supplying you therewith.

THE views of the severall contending Powers round you being so very different We cannot form any reasonable conjecture how the present troubles may terminate; But We much fear the Prince will not regain his Authority; The Change that has happend here in regard to our Neighbours (not to mention the Expence and the uncertainty of the Undertaking) will not allow us to think of joining with him again against the Canarees, nor do We believe the Dutch will find it an easy Task to Expell them out of the Mallabar Country, If they thoroughly resolve upon it, We must suspect they have deeper designs than the obtaining the thousand Candys of Pepper Annually at a low price, & this leads us to approve of the Resolution you have shewn to defend our Hoñble Masters Priviledges, & of the answer you gave to the Protest sent you by the Dutch; And untill We give you more particular directions, We recommend to you to endeavour to obtain the Rajah's Confirmation of the Peace & giving no room for complaint on our side, do your utmost to prevent their breaking any of the Articles to our prejudice; And 'though We should gladly keep the Prince from entering into any Engagements with the Dutch, yet should We consent to supply him to the amount of Five or Six thousand Fanams monthly, We fear it would not enable him to withstand the Canarees, which is a matter that ought well to be considerd, and on the whole We depend on your acting the part that may be attended with the fewest Evil; 'till We give you positive directions.

As the fortifying Madacarra was so necessary to secure to our Hoñble Masters a part of the Pepper Trade, We cannot disapprove of your setting about it without our Orders; We are sorry it will cost more than you computed, but depend that all possible Frugality has been observed in raising the Work.

You shall be supply'd with such Stores and Stationary Ware as We can spare by the first proper Conveyance.

WE are pleased that you are come to an Agreement with the Moors of Cannanore, & shall countermand the orders that had been given for Seizing their vessels.

If the Mountague touches at your Port, We have granted Cap^t. Seale leave to pay into your Cash, what mony he shall have left in his hands, for which do you give him a Certificate; But observe that he is to make Oath to the enclosed Form, which Oath let be copy'd on the back of the Certificate & tested by the Chief, that the Commander has taken the same; And if he takes any private Trade on Board after his departure from hence, of which you must require an account upon Oath also (let the Account sworn to by the Commander, as to the particulars & value of the Goods, and certified by the Chief to be so done) be transmitted on the Ship to our Hoñble Masters, and this you must esteem a Standing Order in time to come.

Comply with the enclosed Indents of Timber &c^a. for the use of our Island, as soon as you conveniently can, and remember to get in readiness what yet wanting for Gombroon according to the Indent last sent you We are

BOMBAY CASTLE

SIRS

OCTOBER THE 5TH. 1737.

Your Loving Friends

RECEIVED THE 22^D. D^O.

JOHN HORNE.

P MOUNTAGUE.

GEO : TAYLOR.

GEO : PERCIVALL.

WILLIAM COCKELL.

THO^S. WATERS.Bombay September 20th. 1737.

INDENT OF STORES WANTING FROM TELlichERRY FACTORY FOR THE USE OF
THE HONBLE COMPANYS GENERALL STORES VIZ.

Mallabar Lances	Three hundred	300
Spunge Staves	Five hundred	500

Received Ditto.

GEORGE DUDLEY.

AN INDENT FOR CALLICUT TIMBER FOR GUN CARRIAGES FOR THE SERVICE OF
BOMBAY FORT & ISLAND SEPTEMBER 27 1737 VIZ.

	Nature	Length		Breadth		Thickness		
		Feet	Inch	Feet	Inch	Feet	Inch	Pt.
Fifty Planks for 42	Pounders.	9	6	1	8	—	6	—
Fifty D ^O . for 32	D ^O .	9	6	1	7	—	5	$\frac{5}{10}$
Fifty D ^O . for 24	D ^O .	9	6	1	6	—	5	—
Seventy D ^O . for 18	D ^O .	9	6	1	5	—	5	—
One hundred & Twenty for. 12	D ^O .	9	6	1	4	—	4	$\frac{5}{10}$
One hundred & Sixty for .. 9.8	D ^O .	8	6	1	3	—	4	—
One hundred & Sixty for .. 4.3	D ^O .	7	6	1	11 $\frac{1}{8}$	—	3	—
One hundred & Sixty for .. 6.5	D ^O .	8	8	1	1	—	3	$\frac{5}{10}$
Thirty peices Timber for								
Mortar Beds		6	—	1	8	1	—	—

RECEIVED OCTOBER 22^D. 1737

THOMAS MACE.

P MOUNTAGUE.

To STEPHEN LAW Esq^r.CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELlichERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

ON the 21st. Instant We received yours of the 1st. acknowledging the receipt of ours of the 28th. of August, enclosing a Letter for your Factory which We received from the Honble President & Council of Fort St^t. George.

THIS accompanys our Packet for the Honble President & Council of Bombay, which We desire you will forward thither by the first Conveyance. We are

ANJENGO

SIR & SIRS

OCTOBER 27TH. 1737.

Your most humble Servants

RECEIVED NOVEMBER 6 D^O.

WILLIAM WAKE.

P BERMUDAS SLOOP.

J. SALISBURY.

RICHARD SANDERS.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELlichERRY.

SIRS

SINCE the departure of the Mountague, We have received your Letters of the 6th. & 18th. September, whereto, as well as to such parts of those of former dates, as require an answer, We shall now reply.

You'L observe in our last, that We depended on your having in readiness Two thousand Two hundred Candys of Pepper to compleat this Year's Tonnage, and therefore We are the more concerned to find by your last Advices, that admitting you receive the Two hundred Seventy two Candys four Maunds outstanding of your Contracts, which you seem very doubtfull of getting in Old Pepper, the Quantity of Pepper to be expected from you, would be no more than One thousand Nine hundred Sixty four Candys; This will render it very difficult for us to compleat the Loading of Three Ships, unless We can procure so far as Five hundred Candys from Carwar or Onore, for which We have taken the proper measures, & shall rather depend thereon, or wait for the New Crop at your place, than submit to give the extravagant price Old Pepper now bears, especially as it will be attended with the ill Consequences you mention, therefore notwithstanding what We wrote in our last, We would have you desist from buying any of the Old Pepper unless it can be got for near the price you have already given, but do your utmost to prevaile on the Chitty & ca. to deliver you the whole Quantity they have Contracted for.

WE are extreamly pleased at the good Success of your endeavours for bringing about a Peace between the Prince and Canarees, and if the King of Bednure confirms it, We hope both Parties will remain Quiet with the Country assigned them, which may give the Prince an opportunity of regaining his Authority amongst the Mallabar Powers.

YOUR Transactions with the Prince set forth in your Letter of the 6th. July meet with our Approval, for as the Canarees becoming Masters of the Mallabar Country We have so much reason to fear, would be attended with no good Consequence to our Employer's Interest, it is our Business to endeavour to prevent their Success, and the way you have pitched upon to do it (provided it be sufficient to enable the Prince to withstand them) is much preferable to our engaging against them with great hazard of Success, & the Certainty of an excessive Charge Therefore if contrary to our hopes the present Peace should not continue, and you find it absolutely necessary to afford the Prince assistance we recommend the doing it in the aforementioned way.

WE observe & approve your obtaining from the Prince the severall Grants you mention, and his Writing, wherein he promises to have no Intercourse with any other Europeans, without our consent, is very satisfactory; We look upon it to be equally necessary to keep him out of the hands of the Dutch, as to preserve his Country against the Canarees, & by this you must be guided, whenever you think it necessary to lend the Prince your assistance.

WE must acquiesce in the remarks made in your Letter of the 5th. April, as to the Expence & uncertainty of Success by carrying on the War with the Canarees, 'though we must confess, we before understood that a Competent Sea-Force would have enabled you totally to have deprived their Army in the Mallabar Country of Provisions, & admitting this, our continuing in the War must have had a good effect, without our being obliged to send any Forces into the Field, but as for the reasons you give in the aforesaid Letter none of the Evils We were threaten'd with would be averted by our continuing in the War, unless you had been furnished with a greater Sea-Force, and more Men than We could spare, We do allow that the concluding a Separate Peace was rather to be preferred.

IF the King of Cotata persists in behaving towards you in the manner he has done of late, it will become necessary to think of taking some steps for Curbing his Insolence, and upon the Confirmation of the present Peace, We hope that by means of the Prince or other of the Mallabar Powers, you may be able to bring him to

reason, However We should be glad to find you obtain from him a formall Renunciation of his Right to Durmapatam by fair means at a moderate expence according to our former Liberty, as We look upon his present Conduct to be the Effects of his Pretensions to that Island.

We are greatly pleased at your obtaining from the Mother Queen the payment of her Debt, and heartily wish your Endeavours in regard to those due from Puniture Rajah & Durmett Ponicy may be attended with the like Success, & We hope you will not be disappointed in your expectations of recovering the One hundred thousand Fanams next month from the Samorine.

We have hired this Boat on purpose to send People and necessarys wanting to bring up the Galevats with you, who We hope will be in readiness to proceed in Company with the Decker or Newcastle; Your Indent for Stationary Ware is nearly complied with, and We send you such Stores, as We judged you might want, that are not of great value, as you'll find by the Invoice enclosed: But not having this Season received any Medicines from England, & our Hospital being extreemly bare, We cannot at present supply you with any.

ENCLOSED you have an Account of what your Factory is Credited for Stores deliverd to the Galevats in November 1735 but we know of no Old Arms received by the Scarborough; The valuation of those by the Neptune and Decker come herewith, and of the Gunpowder received by the Martha.

• THE severall Accounts sent us by the Cruizers relating to the Galivats People &c^a. have been received, & those Accounts will be adjusted accordingly. That mentioned in your 13th. Paragraph of the 9th. of June is right.

The Account of the Sepoy's pay is under Examination in the Paymaster's Office, concerning which you shall have the necessary Directions in our next for adjusting it on your present Books.

You have hitherto mistaken our Orders concerning the Soldiers Debts, The Account Signed by the Paymaster is for what he paid the Officers Monthly out of the Soldiers Pay after they went from hence, they being by mistake continued upon our Rolls for some months, while they were paid by you, And as the Stoppages here lessen'd so much the Soldiers Debt to the Officers, We cannot see any reason why their paying it, such occasion discontent, But be that as it will, you must recover from each Person respectively the Amount of what has been advanced, agreeable to the Paymaster's Account, & also what is due to the Officers by their Accounts.

As We hope the Peace between the Prince and Canarees will hold, and We being in great want of European Soldiers We desire you will send us all you can possibly spare; and if your Garrison will not admit of a farther Reduction, We should rather you had kept the Sepoys you discharged, when you might have spared us the greater Number of Europeans. We would have you, if you can possibly spare them, send us up Ensigns Forbes and Kendall, & let Lieutenant Sterling remain with you in Command of one of the Companys.

On the arrival of the Heathcote We shall supply you with the Assistants you desire, 'till when We cannot permit of Mr. Lynch's coming up.

As We shall keep our Cruizers constantly off the Enemies Ports, you may give notice to any of the Ships Bound this way thereof; and we think any of our Honble Masters Ships may venture up safely alone, but it will be prudent for the Country Ships to proceed in Company, However if upon this notice they judge proper to venture up alone, it is in their option. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE

OCTOBER 31ST. 1737.

RECEIVED NOVEMBER 10TH.

☞ SHYBAR BOMBAY MERCHANT.

SIRS

Your Loving Friends

JOHN HORNE.

GEO: TAYLOR.

GEO: PERCIVALL.

THOMAS WATERS.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

SIR AND SIRs

ON the 21st. October We received your Letter of the 1st. of that month, acknowledging the receipt of our Packet from the Honourable President and Council of Fort St. George.

ON the 11th. Instant We received a Letter from the Hon^{ble} President and Council of Bombay, whereby We are order'd to send you what Surplus of Treasure We have, either by Ship Newcastle or Decker, which We shall Comply with by the first of those Ships, that shall call here, and will be Rupees Twenty thousand.

THE Mountague was at Cochin the 7th. Instant, and the Chief is informed intended to Saile directly for England without calling here. We are

ANJENGO

NOVEMBER 15 1737.

RECEIVD THE 25TH. D^O.

⌘ BOAT.

SIR AND SIRs

Your most Humble Servants

WILLIAM WAKE.

J. SALISBURY.

RICH^D. SANDERS.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

SIR AND SIRs

IT being so late in the Season as We imagine the Decker and Newcastle may have passed here, and not knowing when any other good Conveyance may offer, We now send you by Ship Fame Two Chests of Treasure containing Twenty thousand New Bombay Rupees, as ⌘ Invoice and Bill of Lading here enclosed, and for which We have Debted Account Currant Bombay under this Date.

We received yours of the 2^d. Instant & with it the Hon^{ble} President's and Council of Bombay Letter as mentioned by you. We are

ANJENGO

DECEMBER THE 16TH. 1737.

RECEIVED THE 22^D. D^O.

⌘ FAME.

SIR AND SIRs

Your most Humble Servants

WILLIAM WAKE.

J. SALISBURY.

RICH^D. SANDERS. .

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

SIRs

Since our last of the 31st. October we have rec'd Yours of the 27th.

Our Hon^{ble}. Masters Ship HeathCote Cap^t. Jonathan Cape imported from Great Britain the 27th. Ult^o. & She having taken in One hundred Eleven Sixty one Tons in part of her homeward bound Cargo Wee now dispatch her to You therewith and You are to put on board a farther Quantity of one hundred Eighty three Tons thirty nine dec^s. in part of which if the Cardamoms contracted for are Deliver'd You We wou'd have You lade one half thereof & the Remainder in Pepper, Her loading is to be compleated at Anjengo, where we are advised there is in readiness One hundred and ninety five Tons which with what put on board here & to be lading by You Compleats her Charter Party Tonnage of four hundred & Ninety Tons.

As soon as you have rec'd what Consigned You on this Ship & Laden the Goods order'd give the Com^r. Directions to proceed to Anjengo & to follow such as he shall receive from the Chief & Factors there till they dispatch him for England.

The Melancholly News from Bengall of the Damage done by a most Violent Storm that happen'd there the 30th. September We suppose must have reached You, Out of ten of our Hon^{ble}. Masters Ships then there noe more than two can goe home this Season, Two more it was hoped might be saved so as to be dispatched the next Season, Four where utterly lost & it was greatly feared the Grafton & Pelham must have met the same fate; Both the Decker & New Castle design'd hither from Bengall being lost we design to dispatch the Wilmington as soon as may be after her Arrival from Persia & we wou'd have you get as far as two hundred & Eighty Tons of Pepper in Readiness for her that She may not be detain'd upon the Coast We hope to send her away from hence by the 25th of Jan^{ry}. at farthest.

On this Ship we consign You One Hundred & twenty thousand Rupees and shall send You a farther Sum on the Wilmington Sufficient for your purchases of peper & from your past performances We have noe reason to Doubt of Your Endeavours for procuring all that is possible & on the best terms which it is Needless therefore to Recommen'd to You to do.

You will receive by this Ship such part of the Stores remaining to compleat Your Indent as cou'd be spar'd together with a Supply of Medicines as ~~an~~ Invoice inclos'd.

In the Packett You will receive Copy of the 68 & 69th. Pars. of our Hon^{ble}. Masters commands ~~of~~ HeathCote and whenever any of their Com^{rs}. are culpable in like manner with those of the Scarbrough & Queen Caroline Be shure to protest against them and advise our Hon^{ble}. Masters very particularly of the Matter.

The form of the Oaths omitted to be sent by the Mountague are Enclosed in this Packet & You may receive of Cap^t. Cape what money he offers to pay into Your Cash and give him a Receipt for the same on his making the proper Oath if on Account of his Indulgence But if he declares it to be in part of the Money he borrow'd of the Company as Bottomree we dont Apprehend that an Oath is required. You may likewise receive what money Mr. Gilbert Elliot shall tender You and draw bills on the Hon^{ble}. Court of Directors for the same at the rate of Two Shillings & four pence ~~of~~ Rupee payable at sixty one Days Sight & give them the Necessary Advises relating to these Particulars.

We shall be very much concern'd if the Reports concerning the Canarees Intentions to renew the War prove true, as the Situation of our Affairs at present will not permit us to think of Assisting the Malabars in any manner so as to withstand their Enemies & we are In great want of our whole Sea force to protect our Trade and defend our passes between our Island and Salsett & we are not certain and we are not certain [sic] whether our Neighbour Monajee will not at length oblige us to break with him He has fitted out his Grabs and taken severall Boats bound to our Island even in our Sight and though he has not Yet made Prize of any English Vessells we noe not how soon he may be tempted so to do, Therefore if You have not a presing Occasion for the three Gallivatts with You we wou'd not have you detain them. We shall waite impatiently for your next Advices to know what turn Affairs are like to take but You will be able to give our Hon^{ble}. Masters certain Information by this Ship.

Our Boats were permitted to load the Rice they had bought at Mangalore whither our Merchants are now sending again, so that we hope we shall not need the Quantity You mention Neither do we believe You will find it eassy to convey it either.

Mr. William Forbes has our permission to repair to England and we now Enclose the bills he requested which You are to deliver on his making good their amount into Your Cash, advising thereof to our Hon^{ble} Masters.

In Company with this Ship the Prince of Wales & Rose Galleys will proceed to Your Port to convoy up the Ships bound this way from the several parts of India. It is not improbable but our Hon^{ble}. Masters may have sent one from England to Arrive about the same time as the Decker did last Year In which case we think

she must be at your Port by the last of January & if you do not hear any thing of her before that time You may return the Cruizers in Company with such Ships as may be ready to take the Bennefit of their Convoy, But if three or more Country Ships arrive with you sooner you may dispatch the Rose in their Company believing Angrias Fleet wou'd not Venture to Attack that Number. The prince of Wales You may in that Case keep to Convoy up the latter Ships expected from the severall Parts of India than We can give you We must leave to Your Direction to regulate the Convoys for them in such a manner as You think may be attended with the least Risque.

When the Cruizers return Load on them what part of the Timber order'd for this place & Gombroon as may be in readiness & they can take in without being Lumber'd and if they have Afterwards any room for any Pepper Let them bring up as much as they conveniently can giving them orders to call at Mangalore, Onore and Goa for taking under their Convoy such Vessells as may be in readiness bound this Way.

The hurry in dispatching this Ship prevents our sending the Accounts relating to the Sepoys which you shall have in our next.

We now send to your Assistance Mr. James Verelst who commences Senior Merchant the 27th. of Next Month his Diet and Salary are paid to the 1st. of Jan^y. also Mr. Pugh Willis Writer whose time commences the 27th. November he has received his Diet Money to the last of this Month but not any Salary they have both been allow'd for the Expence of their passage We design to send you Mr. W^m. Vest Factor on the Wilmington & believing you will have hands to carry on the Bussiness of the Factory without Mr. Lynch he has our permission to repair hither agreeable to his Request.

You must forward to the Hon^{ble}. Company on this Ship your Books and Diary for last Year with a Continuance of the latter as near to the time of the Ships departure as possible.

We are

BOMBAY CASTLE

THE 26TH. DECEMBER 1737.

P.S.

On mustering the Heathcote's Ships Company We have Reason to believe some deceit was practised tho the Cap^t. Assures us to the Contrary, Do you therefore before the Ships leaves Your Port cause a true & exact Muster to be taken of her People and let the same be duely attested & transmitted in Your Packet to our Hon^{ble}. Masters.

REC^d. JAN^y YE. 10TH. 1737/8

⌘ HEATHCOTE.

SIRS

Your loving Friends

JOHN HORNE.

GEO: TAYLOR.

W^m. PERCIVAL.

W^m. COCKETT

THO^s. WATERS.

THO^s. STONESTREET.

COPY OF THE 68TH. & 69TH. PARAS. OF THE HON^{BLE} COMPANY'S
COMMANDS OF THE 2^D. MARCH ⌘ HEATHCOTE.

The Scarborough when you sent her down the Coast to Tellicherry We perceive did not take on board near the Quantity of Pepper or Timber intended to be loaden on her; She receiving noe more than five hundred and fifty Candys of peper, We are verily perswaded that the Ship had not her Charter party Tonnage on board upon our Account & You ought in all such Cases to protest against the Cap^t. & Acquaint us fully of the Affair.

We have formerly represented to You that our Commanders frequently loyter away their time and as they go up and down the Coast & the Scarborough and Carolina after taking in Timber at Callicutt proceed'd to Cochin and spent a Considerable time in so doing which in settling Accounts with the Owners, We have

deducted from the Demorage whereof we think proper to Acquaint you but this is not all, We cannot help observing that Notwithstanding our Complaints upon this Head, our Servants at Tellicherry are entirely silent about matters of so much Consequence, for the future the Commanders must be protested against, whenever they are tardy in the or any other Respects & be very explicit in your Advices concerning them.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRs

Our Hoñble Masters Ship Heathcote imported here the 26th. of January in the night, by her We received your Letter dated the 18th. of that month, and conformable to the Orders of the Hoñble President & Council of Bombay, We compleated her Tonnage by Loading on Board One hundred and Ninety five Tons (as you advised) and at the Captain's request put aboard One hundred and Five Candys more upon Half Freight, when We dispatched her for England, which was on the 5th. Instant.

On the 23^d. past Ship Expedition from Bengall Cap^t. Samuel Sutcliffe arrived here, who informed us that the Presid^t. and Council of Bengall had sent by him Eight Casks of Salt Provisions for account of the Hoñble Company, which he was orderd to put ashore at this or your Factory, but he being bound to Bussorah and not intending higher up the Coast, before he put off, requested We would take them ashore, which We did, & by this Munchua forward them to you, & which We suppose you will send to Bombay by the first conveyance; Enclosed is the Noque-dah's receipt for them and the Charges of bringing on shore, and sending on Board, amounting to Six Rupees, We desire you will pay to Stephen Law Esq^r. We are,

ANJENGO

SIR AND SIRs

FEBRUARY THE 7TH. 1737/8.

Your most humble Servants

RECEIVED THE 22^D. D^O.

WILLIAM WAKE.

☞ MUNCHUA.

JAMES SALISBURY.

RICHARD SANDERS.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRs

SINCE our last by the Heathcote, We have received your severall Letters of the 22^d. November, 22^d. & 25th. December Duplicate of the 11th. January, and Original of the 24th. Your original Packet of the 11th. January not having yet reached us, though as We learn by Private Advices that the Ship is arrived at Surat, We suppose your s^d. Letter is on the Road from thence.

THE Wilmington did not arrive from Gombroon 'till the 25th. January, We now dispatch her to you to be filled up, having Loaden on her Two hundred fifty seven Tonns, Eighty six Decimals as ☞ Calculate enclosed; The remainder of her Charter Party Tonnage being Two hundred Thirty two Tonns & Fourteen Decimals, you are to supply in Pepper & Cardamoms, sending the whole Quantity of the Latter that you may have in readiness, giving the Comander his last Dispatches for England, as soon as the Goods are aboard, and as Cap^t. Massey has promised to push for his Passage round the Cape this Season, if he leaves this Coast by the middle of March, which We hope he may still do, We must earnestly recommend to you to give him all possible Dispatch, & not let him be detained at your Port a moment longer than is absolutely necessary.

WE are sorry that the present Crop of Pepper is like to be so very small, but We do not doubt your best endeavours for securing to our Hoñble Masters as much

thereof as possible; And as We may expect to have Three Ships to provide for next Year, We shall not be able to Load them unless you can procure near Two thousand Candys of Pepper, wherefore if the French do obstinately persist in their present manner of proceeding, and thereby enhance the price, We must submit to pay in proportion, having no Remedy for the Evil.

We have duly considered of what passed between you & those of Mihie in relation to sharing the Crop, & if they would agree to allow us Two Thirds, which you say We now get; Our principal objection to such an agreement, is the Insincerity of the French; For it really appears to us, that if they comply on their parts, both Companys would reap the advantage, as no doubt by proper management, when there should be in effect only One Purchaser, the price of Pepper might be reduced within moderate Bounds; We therefore give you permission to agree with the French on the above Terms for the present Season, & while they observe it on their part, be you sure to do so, but on their first attempt to break through it, you must take the proper measures to secure what Pepper you can, observing the necessary caution to prevent any underhand designs the French may have to deceive you; It occurs to us that some dispute may possibly arise concerning the Pepper bought at Callicutt by those Trading under our Honble Masters Protection, which the French may insist upon having reckoned in part of their Quota, but this you must either provide against in your agreement, or take care that our Honble Masters have their full share of the Pepper that shall be bought pursuant to your Agreement with the French, which We presume will be for the produce of those Countries, wherein they or We have Settlements, and from the punctuality of the French for one Season, We shall be able to judge how proper it may be to renew the Compact.

We consign you on this Ship One hundred and Twenty thousand Rupees, with which and our former Supplys you will be fully in Cash for the Service of the Current Year, We also send you such of the Stores &c^a. desired as We could possibly spare, & your Stock in severall of the material Articles of Warlike Stores, is more in proportion, than what We have remaining upon the Island.

THE Success Mr. Lynch and the Linguist met with in their visit to the Samorine is very pleasing to us, and We should be heartily glad, could the Samorine be prevailed on to clear his Debt, even by our relinquishing a part of the Interest; But We apprehend that after he found us so inclined, he might be as tardy in making good the Sum that should be fixed on, as he has been hitherto; and We are uncertain, how much of the Interest he might expect us to give up; We rather think promising the Ministers a consideration for every payment ('though it should amount to somewhat more than Three ₹ Cent which We must leave to your prudent management) would be the most effectual method to hasten the discharge of that Debt; We cannot give you positive directions how to act in this case as you will be able to judge better than We, what effect relinquishing part of the Interest may have on the Samorine, & therefore after duly considering of the advantage or Inconveniency of both methods We must leave it to you to pitch upon that, which you think most likely to be attended with Success.

With concern We observe how little prospect there is that the Mallabar Country will in any reasonable time be quietly settled, and the Canarees renewing their attempts, We are too sensible will subject our Honble Masters Affairs at your Settlement to great inconveniencys, and should their designs succeed, We have reason to apprehend the worst of Consequences. We have seriously considered, what you set forth in your Severall Letters on this subject, & for the reasons you give, do approve of the Resolution you have taken to oblige the Canarees to perform the Articles they agreed on with you in February last, & the Sea Force with you not being sufficient, We do in company with this Ship send you the Neptunes Prize Grab, with whose assistance We hope, you will be able effectually to Awe the Canarees from attempting any thing to our prejudice, You have our permission if you find it necessary to detain her & the Galevats 'till the end of the Season, or upon an absolute necessity during the Rains; But should you not be in want of

their Service, We would have you return them in company of some Ships bound this way, or else order them to Goa, to lye and wait the arrival of some of our Cruizers, whom We design thither at the End of the Season to bring up Arrack for the service of the Island.

WE cannot give you positive directions for your Conduct towards the Prince, what you have hitherto done on his last application, We think very prudent, as you tell us it would not be a difficult matter to prevent the Canarees passing Billiapatam River provided the Mallabars shew any Resolution; Should they at last take Courage, We should readily permit you to give the Prince all reasonable assistance in your power; But if the Mallabars continue so indifferent, as they have shewn themselves of late for the defence of their Country; Our engaging in the War will bring on our Honble Masters an insupportable Expence, and at the same time subject your Settlement to great inconveniency & hazard, which We cannot think of consenting to; However while there is an hope that the Prince will preserve his Authority, our Business is, if possible to prevent his throwing himself upon the Dutch, if We can do it without incurring greater mischiefs. Would our Scituation here permit us to send you a suitable Force to join the Mallabars in opposing the Canarees, We should not be so averse to it, as necessity now obliges us to be, and this consideration will, We doubt not induce you to act with the greater caution, at the same time not suffering the Canarees to do anything you can prevent, contrary to their Engagements, The Circumstances of Affairs between the Canarees & Mallabars vary so often, that before you receive our directions on any one Point, you may perhaps find it necessary to act in a quite different manner; Therefore having regard to the above remarks, We can only recommend to you to pursue such measures as you judge most consistent with our Honble Masters Interest, & the good of your Settlement, & while you are governed by those views, as We have no reason to doubt that you always will, You may depend that We shall put a candid Construction upon your Proceeding.

Cap^t. Massey has assured us that the Two Guns he sold at Mangalore were unserviceable, & that he parted with them from the necessity he lay under of getting Rice, which his Officers have attested; we shall endeavour to prevent any Small Arms being carried from hence to the Carnatick Country, & have repeated to our Honble Masters the ill consequences that attends their giving permission to bring them out for Sale, which We hope will induce them to put a stop to it.

Mr. William West now repairs to your assistance he has received his Dyet to the last of this Month, & Salary to the 1st. of January, he has also been allowed for the expence of his Passage down.

WE shall on the application of the Freighters of the Bombay Merchant, make good to them their proportion of what recoverd from the Canarees, and as to the mony in dispute between Pondra Anta Naique, & the Heirs of Nursu, We don't apprehend that We can justly detain it from the former, if he demands payment of it, & will give an Indemnification to our Honble Masters. The mony was demanded, & recoverd from the Canarees, as forced from Pondra Anta Naique, & therefore your paying it to him will not exclude Nursu Naique's Family from any just Claim, they before might have upon Pondra Anta Naique; However before you pay him the mony you may give notice to Nursu's Family, and if they think proper to Attach it, It may remain in the Honble Company's Cash, 'till one of the Parties shall legally prove his Claim to it.

The Agent and Council at Gombroon write us that the Repairs of the Factory cannot be finished, 'till they receive the Timber and Plank yet wanting of their last Indent; We are at a loss to know what part thereof you may have Laden on the Cruizers, But if we find one Vessel can take in the whole, and that there is a likelihood of her getting to Persia before the Rains, We at present design to return her to you, with what part you may have sent up, in order to receive the remainder lying at Callicut, & to be dispatched by you directly for Gombroon, Wherefore We desire that the s^d. Timber and Plank be forthwith got in readiness to be shipped off immediately on the Arrival of such Vessel at Callicut.

You may receive of Capt. Massey what money he tenders you on account of his Indulgence, observing our former directions on that head.

We enclose you an account of the Old Arms recd of Scarborough Anno 1735. There are some differences in the Sepoy's account, not yet rectified; But that Account being adjusted upon our Generall Books, renders it necessary to be brought on yours; However you shall have the needfull Orders when the Account is rectified, and We shall order our Officers to prepare each Soldiers particular account, & transmit them to you with our next, as you tell us some of them dispute their Debts.

Having received some Shyrash Wine from Persia by the Wilmington, We send you a proportion thereof, as of Invoice, charged at the same rate as the Covenant Servants here pay for it. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE

FEBRUARY THE 22^D. 1737/8.

RECEIVED MARCH 6TH. D^O.

of WILMINGTON.

SIRS

Your Loving Friends

JOHN HORNE.

GEORGE TAYLOR.

GEORGE PERCIVAL.

THOMAS STONESTREET.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

SIR AND SIRS

By severall private advices the Chief has been informed, that Europeans from Bengall have been carried thence for the Service of Bombay, from whence We conclude they will be acceptable there, wherefore We now send you by Capt. Roger Woodburne Twelve (Two of which Deserted from your Factory) which if you think proper you may send thither; They are paid to the 15th. Instant, and a List of their Names Signed by the Captain goes now enclosed. We are

ANJENGO

MARCH THE 6TH. 1737/8.

RECEIVED THE 16 DITTO

of HALIFAX.

SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble Servants

WILLIAM WAKE.

JAMES SALISBURY.

RICHARD SANDERS.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

SIRS

We are now to reply to your Letter of the 6th. February received the 24th. Ultimo by the Prince of Wales Gally; Your Books of Accounts, Diary & ca. sent by that Conveyance were duly received.

THE Timber & Plank sent us on the Gallies are received there is still wanting some part of what Indented for, for the use of the Island, & about Two thousand Four hundred Feet of Plank for Gombroon, all which We hope will be ready for the first Conveyance after the Rains.

By the enclosed Invoice & Bill of Loading you will observe the Quantity of Stores sent you by this Ship, being as many as We could possibly spare, among them are a few Small Arms, some Gunpowder, & Ten Swiveld Guns; which latter the Chief requested in his letter to the President; when the Gunpowder you have now sent us is new worked up, We shall let you know the value of it; The Account of the Small Arms received of Scarborough in 1735 is enclosed.

WE must chiefly refer you to our last for directions how to conduct yourselves towards the Prince & Canarees in case the War between them should be renew'd. If the Prince will not exert himself for preventing the Success of the Canarees Attempts, it will be in vain for us to afford him any assistance, It will be involving ourselves in a troublesome & expensive War without the least hopes of advantage, therefore in that case We would have you keep yourselves free, & only afford the Prince such assistance, as cannot be avoided without too much disgusting him.*

THE Galevats are all arrived in safety, 'though they were much wanted here, yet in our Letter by the Wilmington We had permitted of your detaining them on an absolute necessity. The Accounts you sent us relating to them are right.

WE approve of your sending up the Sepoys, and their Accounts shall be adjusted by those you have forwarded.

It is pleasing to us to observe that the Samorine goes on in lessening his Debt 'though by degrees, & we shall be very glad you can pitch upon any method for discharging the whole in any reasonable time.

WE approve of the manner of returning the Convoy, which could not have been detained longer without the greatest Inconveniencies to the Owners of the Ships, and as it is, few of them will be able to go out again this Season.

THE Malay Soldiers being unacquainted with our Discipline, as We are with their Customs, will not We believe without their own Officers be of so much use as We could wish, You need not therefore enlist any more for this place, should they offer themselves to you.

THE Arrack made at Goa not being so good, 'though dearer than usual, & Batavia Arrack being difficult to be procured here We would have you Annually secure Forty or Fifty Leaguers of the best & cheapest you can get, & send it up as Conveyances may offer.

WE have sent on the Two Brothers Sixty five thousand Rupees for Anjengo; If the Supracargo on his arrival with you, should acquaint you that he cannot touch there, you may land s^d. Treasure, & send it down if possible by some other Conveyance before the Rains.

You have accordingly enclosed the Bill of Lading either to forward to Anjengo, or deliver up, if the same should be Landed at your place. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE

SIRS

APRIL THE 8TH. 1738.

Your Loving Friends

We called upon our Officers for the Accounts you desired, but through the Death of some & the Absence of others they could not be got; 'though they assure s^d. Accounts have already been sent you.

JOHN HORNE.
GEORGE TAYLOR.
GEORGE PERCIVAL.
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS STONESTREET.

Idem

JOHN HORNE.
GEORGE TAYLOR.
GEORGE PERCIVAL.
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS STONESTREET.

RECEIVED APRIL 19TH.

☿ CERES.

To STEPHEN LAW Esq^r.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

SIR AND SIRs

LAST night The Chief received Advices from Fort St. George of the safe arrival there of Ship Princess Mary Cap^t. George Martin from England. She left the Downs on the 12th. of October. in company with the Princess of Wales, King William, Resolution, Royall George, Queen Caroline & Godolphin, & all the homeward Bound Ships of the former Season were safe arrived in England.

ENCLOSED is a List of Ships taken up in the Year 1737 and supposing it will be agreeable to you to be advised of it as soon as possible, especially of those for this side India, occasions this Dispatch; We hear that the King William and Princess of Wales arrived at the Cape of Good Hope early in January, which are all the material Advices that We have received. We are

SIR AND SIRs

ANJENGO

Your most humble Servants

MAY THE 21ST. 1738.

WILLIAM WAKE.

RECEIVED JUNE THE 3^D.

JAMES SALISBURY.

13TH PATTAMAR.

RICHARD SANDERS.

To STEPHEN LAW Esq^r.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELlicherry.

SIRs

We take this Opportunity to acknowledge the Receipt of Yours the 19th. Feb'y 7th., 18 & 27 March with Copy of that by the Wilmington to the Honble the Court of Directors, the latter of which came to hand by the Neptune's Prize the 24th. April and the other was rec'd from Surat the 29th. said Month, We are likewise to advise you that our Honble Masters Ship Resolution arrived from England the 20th. May having touch'd at Madagascar in her passage for purchasing Slaves, but it being uncertain whether these Ships will call at Your Port, We shall defer a Particular reply to your said Letters as well as sending you the severall Paragraphs of our Honble Masters' Commands relating to your Settlement till some other Opportunity but You will receive enclosed a List of the Shipping design'd for India this Season.

We observe the attempts made by the French to deprive You of the Pepper produced in Boyanore's Country & approve of the prudent Measures You took to frustrate their designs, which when they find they cannot easily accomplish We hope they will desist from.

We are glad to find the Samourine has made good the one hundred thousand fanams & We doubt not Your good Endeavours to obtain a farther Sum from him this Season.

After the Assurances given us by Cap^t. Massey of his making all possible dispatch in order to get off the Coast time enough to push for his passage, We are surpriz'd at his Lying so long in Your Port for taking in the Remainder of his Cargoe, Especially as We had represented to him how Acceptable a peice of Service his getting home last Season wou'd have been to our Honble Masters.

We shall defer saying any thing relating to the Canarees till the Receipt of Your next advises, but for the Reasons You give, We approve of Your Resolution to make the Rajah a small Present.

We are well pleased with Your purchases of Pepper last Season, Our Honble Masters design'd that We should send one or two Ships Loadings to Bengall that they might receive it from thence at half Freight for which purpose the Nassau & Anglesea two of their Bengall Ships were order'd hither, but Neither of them being arriv'd it will not be possible to unload them in time to call at your Port to take in

Pepper for Bengall, We wish either of them may come in time to be sent directly from hence as otherwise We shall be obliged to send them both home, We had upon the Arrivall of said Ships some thoughts of sending the Resolution to carry Pepper from Your place to Bengall & if either of the other Ships arrive in three or four Days, She may Yet proceed, Therefore we wou'd have You make preparations for Shipping off a Loading of Pepper with all possible Expedition but if the Ship does not arrive with You by the 20th. of the Month You may conclude We have resolved not to send her. We are

SIRS

BOMBAY CASTLE

THE 5TH. AUGUST 1738.

Your loving Friends

JOHN HORNE.

GEO: TAYLOR.

GEO: PERCIVAL.

CHARLES WHITEHILL.

THO^S. STONESTREET.TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Since our Letter of the 5th. August, yours of the 23^d. May, and 9th. June are come to hand, with the several papers mentioned in the Lists of the respective Packetts. To these and your former Letters we shall now make the needful reply, and give you such Directions as appear immediately necessary for your observance in the present juncture.

Our Honble Masters Ships Nassau and Onslow (which latter was taken up on account of the Morattas) arrived here the 5th. Instant; The Commanders advice us that the Anglesea Sailed from Johanna the 30th. June, but we have yet heard nothing of her, and as that was a favourable time of the Year for her making a quick Passage hither, we are under the greatest fears that some misfortune has happened to her.

Your endeavours for Augmenting your Purchases of Pepper cannot but be acceptable to our Honble Masters as they are to us; by their Orders last received (which we shall communicate to you in this Letter) you'll observe there will be a call for the whole Quantity you have provided.

We shall be glad you can pitch upon any method to procure the Payment of what remains due from the Samorine, which from the 52^d. Paragraph of our Honble Masters Commands of the 6th. January you'll observe they will esteem an agreeable piece of Service. Your diligence in recovering part of the Princes Debt is very commendable, we doubt not but you will continue to practice the like for getting the remainder; as well as for recovering what due from Durmett Ponicy, and Puniture Rajah whenever any Opportunity offers.

We take notice of your several Paragraphs relating to the insult offered us by the Canarees, and though we have so many Services that require our Marine Force, yet as the passing by such Gross abuses would soon bring us into Contempt: We have resolved to send you the Neptunes Prize Grab, with the Shirk, and two smaller Galivats, who proceed in Company with the King William, and will we hope be of sufficient Force to subdue the Vessells of the Canarees; and we accordingly direct, that if the Canarees neither have, nor will make Restitution of what they have forcibly and unjustly taken belonging to those Trading under our Honble Masters Protection, and engage to treat us with more Civility hereafter, you employ these Vessells to make Reprisals on those belonging to the Canarees, and to molest them by preventing Grain being carried to their Army (should they proceed to the Southward) or in any other manner, which you shall judge more effectual.

And if the Canarees renew the War with the Mallabars we direct that to the utmost of your power you maintain the terms of the Treaty they made with you, and as we should have very little Dependance on their Engagements, were they permitted

to pass to the Southward of Billiapatam River, the preventing their Executing such a design seems highly necessary, and the Fortress of Madacarra must be defended against their attempts to the utmost of your power.

We approve of your Conduct on the Princes applying to you to assist for Executing the Scheme he had formed for treacherously attacking the Canarees; we can never think of joining again with the Mallabars having had sufficient Experience of the little dependance to be had on them, as well of the certainty that the whole Expence would in the end be thrown on us. Our Hoñble Masters Sentiments and orders relating hereto, as well as their Prohibition of making Loans to the Country Powers you will perceive in their 50 and 51st. Paragraphs, whereto you must Pay a strict Obedience.

We should be glad it were in our power to Supply you with a Military Force to enable you to take Satisfaction for the repeated Insults the King of Cotata has offered towards you, but while we are surrounded with the Morattas (Neighbours equally dangerous as any about you) which has obliged us to encrease the number of Fortifications round the Island, and augment the Garrisons in each; You must be sensible that the providing for our own Safety, manning our Cruizers, & other Necessary Services will not admit of our parting with any of our Force; We therefore leave it to your prudence to foment the differences between s^d. King, & his Subjects, and if at a small expence you can engage the Prince effectually to assist them against him, We permit you so to do, being sensible that the submitting to the Impositions that King has already offerd on the purchasing his friendship will only encourage him to use us ill.

We do not disapprove the Distribution you made on account our Hoñble Masters amongst the sufferers by the second Fire that happend within your District, which We think they will acquiesce in, especially as yourselves had made a Gathering for the Sufferers by the first. We approve of your covering the several Buildings with Tyles instead of Cajans which We hope will prevent your Pepper Warehouses being endangered by the like accident.

For the reasons you give, We must consent to your charging to our Hoñble Masters account the Equipping M^r. Verelst on sending him with the Present to the Carnatick Rajah.

We are building such a Boat as you requested, and shall by next conveyance supply you with a Quantity of Fifths of Rupees, such part of the Stores indented for as could be spared, and the Neptunes Prize Grab take in are sent by her; A farther supply with the Stationary Ware & Medicines shall be hereafter sent you.

NEITHER Pondra Naique, or any of Nursu Naiques Family have yet applied to us concerning the mony in dispute between them recoverd of the Canarees, when they do We shall endeavour to prevail on both Parties to adjust the matter amicably, which if they refuse, We shall refer them to the Mayors Court; We shall have a regard to what you write relating to the mony lent by the Chief, & what due to the Owners of the Success.

On the Neptunes Prize We send Ensign Richard Shepeard, who is paid to the last of August, and when he arrives you are to permit Ensign Henry Forbes to return hither.

We permit of M^r. Hugh Howard's repairing to England, & herewith enclose a Sett of Bills in his favour for Nineteen thousand Rupees, which you are to deliver on his paying the Amount into your Cash, and making Oath it is his own.

We have also granted Bills at the same Exchange for the mony paid in here by M^r. Stonestreet, in part of the Estate of William Forbes deceased. Both these Bills were Signed before We received our Hoñble Masters Commands by these Ships regulating the Exchange and therefore We did not think it just to alter them; But for the future (pursuant to said Orders) No Bills are to be drawn on them, but at Two Shillings & five pence on account of their Covenanted Servants, & Two Shillings & Three pence upon all others, each payable Ninety Days after sight, which you must observe, whenever We give you permission to draw Bills from your Place.

OUR Hoñble Masters are very uneasy at the great expence they are at on this side of India, Those of your Settlement being a considerable part thereof; We must in the most strenuous manner recommend the curtailing them in whatever Articles can possibly bear it, and their Orders in the 15th. paragraph ¶ Resolution must be constantly complied with, as you must take care literally to do with those in the 9th. 11th. & 12th. to prevent the repetition of the complaints mentioned in the latter.

THE Orders in the 41st. Paragraph relating to the Cash, must also for the future be duly observed.

You may receive of Capt. Sanders what mony he shall offer to pay into your Cash, advising our Hoñble Masters thereof, giving the Commanders Certificates for the Number of Rupees, always taking care to express in s^d. Certificates on what account the mony is paid, as directed in the Hoñble Companys 26th. Paragraph.

WE now send Robert Rous to be employ'd as your Gunners mate, in which capacity he served here: He is paid to the last of August, & by the next Conveyance We will supply you with the properest person We can get to assist your Surgeon.

YOU'LL observe our Hoñble Masters having taken up Ship Marlborough, and in what manner She is to be employ'd: Should She arrive at your place, you must give her a Loading of Pepper, not exceeding the Charterparty Tonnage, & dispatch her directly home with all possible Expedition.

As We believe the Gentlemen at Bengall will have Goods sufficient to Load home all the Ships expected from thence by our Hoñble Masters; We don't apprehend, that you will have one from thence to fill up, especially as the Gentlemen will know, We cannot spare any Pepper; However should one arrive, you must compleat her Loading with Pepper, and dispatch her directly for England without loss of time, agreeable to the Orders in the 14th. Paragraph of our Hoñble Masters Commands Dated the 6th. January. And We have directed the Gentlemen at Anjengo (where the Ships will first touch) to forward to you their Charterpartys, and all other Papers necessary for your information of what you are to receive from or load aboard them. WE are

BOMBAY CASTLE

Sirs

SEPTEMBER THE 8TH. 1738.

Your Loving Friends

Enclosed is an account of what has been paid the Galevats People, together with the Quantity of Provisions on Board each Vesse[1]s.

JOHN HORNE.
GEORGE TAYLOR.
GEORGE PERCIVALL.
CHARLES WHITEHILL.
THOMAS WATERS.
THOMAS STONESTREET.

RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 25TH. 1738

¶ KING WILLIAM.

COPY OF SUNDRY PARAGRAPHS OF THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS THEIR COMMANDS OF THE 5TH. OCTOBER 1737 ¶ RESOLUTION, RECEIVED AT BOMBAY THE 20TH. MAY 1738 ¶ S^D. SHIP, RELATING TO TELLICHERRY FACTORY VIZ^T.

AND first, We have thought proper to take up the following Ships, for carrying on our Trade this ensuing Season Viz^t. Para-graph 5th.

Ships	Tonns	Com ^{rs} .	Consignment
King William	490	James Sanders ..	Mocha.
Resolution	495	George Bagwell ..	Madagascar & Bombay.
Queen Caroline	490	Charles Birkhead ..	S ^t . Helena & Ben-colen.
Godolphin	480	Francis Steward ..	Madrass, China & back to Madrass.

Ships				Tonns	Com ^{rs} .	Consignment
Royall George	..	..	..	490	William Jobson	Bengall.
Princess Mary	..	..	..	480	George Martin	Coast & Bay.
Princess Royal	..	..	..	490	Dunc ^a . Backwell	China.
London	..	..	..	495	Robert Bootle	
Prince of Orange	..	..	..	480	Charles Hudson	
Prince of Wales	..	..	..	495	John Pelly	
Beaufort	..	..	..	490	Rich ^d . Boulton	Madera, Coast & Bay.
Wager	..	..	..	490	Charles Raymond	Coast & Bay.
Nassau	..	..	..	480	W ^m . Hutchinson	Coast & Bay, first proceed ^g . to Bombay.
Anglesea	..	..	..	490	W ^m . Studholm	..
Duke of Cumberland	..	..	..	480	Benjamin Braund	Bombay, first proceeding to Bengall.
Scarborough	..	..	..	470	George Westcott	Bencoolen via Bengall.

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graph 9th. WE hereby repeat our Orders, as to Surplus Tonage, directing that no more Goods be put on Board our Ships homeward bound than We are obliged by Charter-party to load, unless the Commanders expressly agree in Writing, on behalf of the Owners to accept of Half Freight for all Surplus Goods, & their Original Agreement must be sent us in the respective Packets.

11 THESE Orders must be carefully, & literally complied with, otherwise We shall suffer on adjusting Accounts with the Owners; what We require from the Commanders must be done absolutely, & in the most express Terms, thus, "whatever Goods are put on Board my Ship over & above my Charter Party Tonnage, I hereby Agree on behalf of my Owners to carry the same at Half Freight. And the like with respect to the Salt Petre.

12 WE find it the more necessary to be thus explicit, because by a non observance of our Orders in this respect, most of our Ships on your side of India, have brought more Surplus Goods, than the Captains requested for, occasioned by our Chief & Council at Tellicherry & Anjengo, either not being duly instructed, or not understanding the matter.

15 BUT in order to prevent our suffering by Embezlements, Over Charges or the like, We hereby lay this down as a Rule that each Subordinate Settlement, do constantly send up to Bombay as often as opportunity offers, their Monthly Accounts of Cash, signed by the Chief and Council certifying therein, that the Balance does then actually remain in Specie, as also the Paymasters Monthly Accounts with proper Vouchers for each Article, which must be carefully Examined by the Accountant, or his Assistant, & a report must be made to the Board, whether they are right or no, and also whether the Disbursements are encreased, or decreased, & whence the differences arise, that so you may give the needfull directions thereon, & the Journal of Parcels must be Monthly read in Consultation at your Place, & all the Subordinates, these Regulations are so absolutely necessary that We will not suffer them to be dispensed with upon any pretence whatsoever.

26 OUR Commanders are allowed the same Indulgence as last Year, & we hereby enjoin a compliance with the orders then given in the 18th. 19 & 20th. Paragraphs of our Letter dated the 3^d. November relating hereto, and severall of them having borrowed Mony of us at Respondentia, in case they offer to pay any Sums into our Cash, towards the discharge of their Bonds, you must receive the same, expressly mentioning in the Receipts, that it is upon that account.

28th. In our severall Letters for Two or Three Years past We have given directions that you should procure all the Pepper possible on the severall parts of the Coast, & We repeated the same by the Decker, so that We persuade ourselves a Double Stock pursuant thereto is secured, & We hereby reiterate those Orders, expecting your utmost & best endeavours will be exerted in accomplishing them, that so you may constantly be in such an agreeable situation, which will answer very valuable purposes, & We shall give proper Directions relating thereto.

As We have sufferd of late at some of our Factorys by the Councils placing too much confidence in the Chief with respect to our Cash, whereby deficiencies to a considerable amount have arisen to our great loss & detriment, We hereby make this a Standing Rule and Order, That our Cash at each Subordinate Settlement be constantly kept in a Chest under three different Locks, and that the Keys be kept by the Chief & the Two next in Council, that the Balance be produced & counted over Monthly in the presence of all the Council, and that it be accordingly certified upon Consultation every month, & also whether the Balance in Specie is right or no, for our satisfaction in so material a point.

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A true Copy

RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 25 1738
 ☞ KING WILLIAM.

JOHN DACRES
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COPY OF SUNDRY PARAGRAPHS OF THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS THEIR COM-
 MANDS OF THE 6TH. JANUARY 1737 ☞ NASSAU; RECEIVED AT BOMBAY THE
 5TH. OF SEPTEMBER 1738 ☞ S^d. SHIP RELATING TO TELLICHERRY FACTORY.

As you have but Two Ships to return from your Coast this Year, We cannot doubt but you will have a Surplus of Pepper, and as it may so happen that We may be overtonnaged in the Bay, therefore in order to prevent more Ships remaining in India than is absolutely necessary, We have directed our President & Council in Bengall in case of a deficiency of Goods to send one of their Ships with half her Loading in Salt Petre & Bales to Anjengo & Tellicherry to fill up with Pepper, & take her Dispatches for England from either of those Settlements, & you will do well to lodge orders at those Places accordingly, & to loose no time in sending her away; in case it should happen that by troubles or other accidents you should not have Pepper to spare, you must advise our Servants in the Bay that they may take their measures accordingly.

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We hereby confirm our Prohibition ☞ Decker, positively enjoining that none of our mony be lent to the Syddees or any Country Government whatever, your overland advices making an exception of the last necessity, & to prevent greater Evils, is a distinction We cannot admit of, remember that you are Agents for a Trading Company and act agreeable to that Character, laying aside all fruitless attempts to settle the Balance of Power among so many ever jarring Competitors that surround you, as utterly impracticable, and only so but as such altogether unprofitable to us your Employers.

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By our last Advices from Tellicherry We perceive that our Servants remained in a quiet possession of Durmapatam, & a Peace was concluding with the Canarees, which they expected would put an end to their Troubles with them in a few days; We persuade ourselves that Settlement will at length be free from troubles & enjoy a tranquil State; The Prince cannot with any shew of reason take Umbrage at the s^d. Peace, as he disappointed our Servants of the mony he stood obliged to pay them for carrying on the War, & his Conduct was such, that they utterly despaired of gaining any from him, & not only so, but was supine & unactive [*sic*] in the defence of his Country, endeavouring by specious pretences to lay the whole Burthen of the War upon us, this will generally be the case, when We intermeddle with Quarrels among a People notoriously Cowardly, Base and Avaritious, according to our own Servants representation of them in their Letter by the Wyndham, and as our Business with them is Trade only, Our Chief & Councils main Study should be to keep our Commerce Free & uninterrupted, concerning themselves no farther with them than mere necessity requires.

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THE method which our Servants took, seems to be a good one, in promising the Samorines Ministers 3 ☞ Cent on his Debt as the same was recovered We perceive he had made a beginning by paying One hundred thousand Fanams, which gives us hopes that the whole will in time be discharged, the accomplishing whereof will be a very agreeable peice of Service.

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Para- Having taken into consideration the Exchange from all parts of India, We
graph 71 have come to the following Resolutions relating to your Place & the Subordinate Settlements viz^t.

72 THAT the Company will allow to all their Servants at Bombay & the Subordinate Factorys, who shall remit home their Estates to remain in England, or for purchasing such Stores as are allowed to be sent from hence Two Shillings & Five Pence ₹ Rupee on making Oath it is their own Property, & to all others living under their protection Two Shillings and Three Pence ₹ Rupee.

73 THAT as these Exchanges are in favour of those who remit their mony by Bills on the Company, [c]ompared with what the Company would get by sending out Silver, therefore all Bills for the future must be drawn payable Ninety days after sight.

74 AND accordingly We direct that from & after the receipt of this Letter, you grant no Bills of Exchange whatsoever, but such as are conformable to these Resolutions.

75 WHEN any of our Servants Quit the Service, We hereby grant Twelve Months time after their coming away for the Collection of their Effects, with the liberty of then having the amount paid into Cash for Bills upon us, on the same Terms We allow them while actually in our Service, upon Oath being made as aforesaid.

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COPY OF SUNDRY PARAGRAPHS OF THE HONBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS THEIR COMMANDS OF THE 8TH. OF MARCH 1737 ₹ NASSAU RECEIVED AT BOMBAY THE 5TH. SEPTEMBER 1738 ₹ SP. SHIP RELATING TO TELlicherry FACTORY.

Para- WE have taken up the Ship Marlborough Burthen 495 Tonns, Cap^t. Thomas
graph 9 Hunt Commander, & shall consign her in April to our Deputy Governour & Council of Bencoolen with orders to be sent from thence to Benjar for a Loading of Pepper, in case the advices they receive from the Supracargos of our Ship Prince of Wales sent thither in October last, afford a prospect of procuring a Cargo at that Place.

10 But if contrary to our expectations they should not have reasonable encouragement to send the Ship thither; We shall direct them to dispatch the Marlborough with the Treasure on Board to Anjengo, or Tellicherry, so that you must give the needfull Orders to those Places for Loading her to Europe on their so doing.

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Para- UNTILL the arrival of your overland Advices giving us an Account of the
graph 2 Morattas taking of Salsett, & your uneasiness thereupon, We had no thoughts of sending any more Ships on your side of India this Year, and that for this weighty reason, that as We received an Invitation to Trade at Benjar, and were determined to embrace it; so if the Ship Marlborough Burthen 495 Tonns Cap^t. Thomas Smith Commander, whom We have appointed to send thither, should succeed there (and We have good reason to believe he will) We should in such case want no more Pepper for the Europe market that Year.

BUT if our Governour and Council at Bencoolen should have reason to distrust the Benjareens, or not approve of their Terms in such case they have orders to Consign her with the Treasure on Board to Tellicherry or Anjengo, that She may be Loaded home from thence, where very probably if She comes at all, She will arrive in all January or sooner, as they will be orderd by us, if they do not think fit to Consign her to Benjar, that then they must give the Marlborough an immediate Dispatch for your Coast, which will very probably be in all October at furthest, so that in either Event. We shall have Pepper enough for Europe that Year. Para-
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You are therefore to Lodge necessary Orders at Anjengo & Tellicherry, how the Ship shall be disposed of, if She comes there, that is, either that She proceeds on for Bombay, or be Loaded home from those Places, as will make for the quickest Dispatch of her, & in case you should be something short in Pepper, you may make up her Tonnage in Salt Petre, if you have it by you, and which is better for us than to let her lye on Demorage; Our Orders as to Surplus Tonnage in the 9th. to the 12th. Paragraphs of our Letter dated the 5th. October, must stand in full Force with respect to this Ship & all others, 'till contradicted from hence. 4

You may perceive by the various Schemes We are upon, for the enlarging of our Trade, how necessary it is for our Interest, and how acceptable a Service you will do us in securing a large Magazine of Pepper on your Coast, as it may be made a dernier resort to relieve us in all Events, and therefore We again strenuously recommend it to you to secure and purchase all the Pepper you can for us: It is a Commodity Subject to no Decay, and requires no great Stock in the first Purchase, and We can always tell how to dispose of it to advantage, and whether our Settlements on your Coast are empty or full, they are the same Charge to us, & therefore We have the more reason to consider, how We may make them the most usefull to Us. 7

WE hereby Direct that for the future all weighable Goods be weighed immediately upon their being landed at your Place, or at any subordinate Settlement from our Ships & all Country Vessels in the presence of one or more of our Covenant Servants, in failure whereof the Warehousekeeper must be accountable to us for all deficiencies. 25

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☞ KING WILLIAM.

JOHN DACRES

Sec^{ry}.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRs

This Morning We received your Letter of the 19th. Instant, & are very sorry you have occasion to apply to us for what such of our Military & c^a. as We can spare, which We now comply with as far as We conceive is consistent with the Security of this Factory, & which We esteem as incumbent a part of our Duty to our Hon^{ble} Employers as any other. We now send to your assistance Mr. Peter Fondell Ensign, Two Serjeants, Two Corporals & Thirty two Private Men, six of which are Europeans, the others mustees & Topasses; We likewise send our Gunner Mr. Isaac Aynsworth, but We cannot well spare any of his Crue, as our Smack (which is now at Quilechee) is chiefly Manned out of them. The Ensign is a sober good Officer, on whom you may depend, and the whole Detachment consists of the best Men of our Garrison, of whose good Behaviour We make no doubt. They are all paid to the 1st. of next Month, & Muster Roll of them Signed by the Captain goes now enclosed.

WE likewise send you Two Chests of Europe Fine Powder, four of Cannon, & Six of Bombay Cannon, amounting to Rupees Four hundred Thirty three, One Quarter & Sixty four Raes, as ☞ Invoice enclosed, which is all We can spare, not having yet received the Stores from Bombay, that We indented for last Season. Amount of Provisions, with Charges of Boat hire & c^a. goes also enclosed, which

is Signed by the Paymaster. and amounts to Rupees Forty seven, One Quarter & Twenty two Raes, which Two Sums amounting to Rupees Four hundred Eighty Two Quarters & Eighty six Raes, the Chief will account for here, & which We request you will pay to Stephen Law Esq^r. as also what you shall think necessary for the Hire of the Falmouth Sloop, which We now dispatch to you on this occasion, as our Vessell is gone to bring up the Honble Companys Cloth from the S^o.ward, & We perceive by your Letter a quick Dispatch is necessary.

Please to give the Sloop an immediate dispatch.

The King William arrived here on the 20th. in the Evening, & Sailed for Great Brittain on the 24th. in the morning, which is all We have to add but our best wishes for your Success against your Enemies. We are

ANJENGO

OCTOBER 28TH. 1738

RECEIVED NOVEMBER 5TH. 1738

☞ FALMOUTH SLOOP.

SIR AND SIRs

Your most Humble Servants

W. WAKE.

J. SALISBURY.

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